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Dr M to attend smart partnership dialogue

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Fifteen heads of government, including Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, are expected to attend the Second Southern Africa Dialogue on Smart Partnership which is to be held in Swakopmund, Namibia, from July 26 to 29.

Namibian High Commissioner to Malaysia Ndeutapo Amagulu said the conference, themed "The Generation of Wealth in Southern Africa", would provide an opportunity for participants to engage each other with fresh ideas, propositions and plans that could translate into successful business ventures.

He told a Press conference that apart from the 15 leaders, Namibia also hoped to attract about 350 participants comprising civil servants, business executives and labour leaders throughout Africa.

Amagulu said the smart partnership concept was bound to gain popularity as it harnessed the resources of the public and private sectors for economic development and encouraged long-term "win-win" business alliances.

He said heads of government and businessmen should work in unison to ensure the overall success of smart partnerships.

He said it was high time the leaders implemented smart partnership and took the lead in their respective countries.

The smart partnership philosophy, he said, which was introduced to southern Africa in May last year through the First Southern Africa Dialogue, had proven to be a success as it had led to incredible economic transformations in his country.

"The concept has helped push our economies into high gear. In fact, it had showed us the way forward not just in the field of economics but also in the social and political sectors."

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