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200 MEDIAMEN TO ATTEND COMMONWEALTH PRESS UNION MEET

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- More than 200 editors and journalists from throughout the world are expected to attend the four-day Commonwealth Press Union (CPU) conference beginning Oct 26.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address at the conference which has also invited former Hong Kong Governor Chris Patten and New Zealand's Foreign Minister Don Mackinnon as guest speakers.

According to the organisers, the first day will be devoted to regional trends in Southeast Asia and on the second day, delegates will split into two groups to discuss topics entitled "Reporting Under Repressive Regimes" and "Effective Lobbying For Press Freedom."

There will also be a session where participants will be presented with a report from the three-day Editor's Forum which will be held from Oct 21 at the Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM) in Pulau Pinang.

The third day will focus on discussions on the situations in the Commonwealth-member countries and on the future of the CPU.

On the final day, speakers will examine the future of the printed media in the next millennium and whether the digital age posed a genuine danger to the traditional media.

Also to be discussed at the conference, organised by the CPU and the Malaysian Newspapers Publishers Association, will be the vexed question of privacy and self-regulation.

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