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Convention

DR MAHATHIR OPENS SABAH BN CONVENTION ON FRIDAY

KOTA KINABALU, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the second Sabah Barisan Nasional (BN) Convention on Friday, the organisers said today.

Aimed at enhancing members' understanding and perception of the BN, the convention would be attended by 2,000 representatives of nine BN component parties, organising committee chairman Mohd Shah Salleh said.

BN secretary general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat will present a working paper at the convention.

The first convention in November 1995 was opened by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

The Sabah BN comprises Umno, Parti Demokratik Sabah (PDS), Sabah Progressive Party (SAPP), Akar Bersatu, Parti Bersatu Rakyat Sabah (PBRS), MCA, Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), Gerakan and MIC.

"The convention will be attended by political secretaries, community development leaders, native chiefs, members of party liaison bodies and also party supreme council members and division heads," Mohd Shah said.

Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee will close the convention.

Dr Mahathir, who is due here on Thursday for a two-day working visit, will open the Sabah Institute for Indigenous Economic Progress (Indep) upon arrival.

He will later attend a closed-door briefing at the Nexus Golf Resort in Karambunai near here before flying to Kudat, about 200km north of here, for the ground-breaking of the Nusantara Steel Corporation Sdn Bhd factory.

The Prime Minister will also attend a double festival celebration at Pusat Perdagangan Sabah here before flying back to Kuala Lumpur the next day. -- BERNAMA

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