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MALAYSIA TO HOST THIRD ISC MEET NEXT WEEK

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 13 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will host the third meeting of the International Steering Committee on the Economic Advancement of Rural Women (ISC) on Oct 22, ISC president Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali said.

The three-day meeting would evaluate the group's progress in making advancements for women in rural areas internationally, she told a press conference here today.

The ISC would also elect a new president for the 1998-2000 session.

The meeting, with the theme +Poverty Amongst Rural Women, Their Families and Communities+ will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The ISC, established in 1992 in Geneva, has the wives of heads of government from 16 countries as members.

In conjunction with the meeting, an exhibition on the activities of women in rural areas would also be held, said the prime minister's wife.

Some 150 participants, including ISC patron Queen Fabiola of Belgium, are expected to attend.

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