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PM to deliver keynote address at conference

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address titled "Asia and Europe: Forging a New Partnership for the New Millennium" at the Asia-Europe Partnership Conference in London on April 4.

Dr Mahathir will also have a dialogue with participants of the conference. The forum is being held in conjunction with the Second Asia-Europe Summit.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute chief executive officer Datuk Michael Yeoh said in a statement more than 20 Malaysian business leaders would attend the three-day conference to be attended by delegates from over 20 countries.

He said the opening session will be held at the National Liberal Club, followed by two days of in-depth and interactive discussions at Wilton Park.

The conference is jointly organised by Wilton Park (an executive agency of the British Foreign Office), Asia House London and Asli.

British Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Derek Fatchett will also speak on the achievements of ASEM II.

Yeoh said the conference will focus on building mutually-beneficial and productive linkages between Asia and Europe and discuss ways to enhance bilateral partnership. He said the conference was timely as it would bring together policy formulators, decision-makers, business leaders and academicians.

This, he said, would also enable European and Asian opinion formers to discuss the Asian economic woes and what Europe could do to help the process of recovery in Asia.

Among the other distinguished Asian speakers are Securities Commission chairman Datuk Dr Munir Majid, executive director of Asia Europe Foundation Tommy Koh and Centre for Research and Communication Manila president Enrique Esteban.

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