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PM to be honoured at MSSA dinner

THE Malaysian Structural Association (MSSA) will present the Honorary Membership Certificate to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed as a recognition for his continuous support and conviction towards the development of the local steel industry.

The honorary membership which also marks Dr Mahathir's contribution to the enhancement of the usage of local steel products in the country, will be presented to him at the association's convention on December 7.

The Prime Minister himself will officiate and deliver a keynote address at the two-day convention titled "Steel - The Way Forward" which will be held in Kuala Lumpur, a MSSA spokeswoman said in a statement yesterday.

At the opening ceremony, MSSA will also sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with three local higher institutions of higher learning, namely Institut Teknologi Mara, Universiti Malaya and Universiti Teknologi Mara.

Dr Mahathir is expected to witness the signing ceremony.

The agreement's objective is to include the formulation of a syllabus between the association and the institutions, especially for students in the Faculty of Engineering.

This is the second convention organised by MSSA, the first being in Kuala Lumpur on August 12-13 last year.

This year's convention is expected to draw about 300 participants, not only from Asean but also from the Far East and West Asia countries.

The exhibition comprising 30 exhibitors will also be held to showcase the latest steel products and technology. It is co-organised by the Steel Technology Centre, Faculty of Civil Engineering and UTM. Its main sponsor is Perwaja Steel Sdn Bhd.

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