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Two hundred journalists coming for conference

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - More than 200 editors and journalists from all over the world are expected to take part in a four-day Commonwealth Press Union conference beginning on Oct 26.

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

Despite the impressive array of speakers, the "Eye of the Tiger" conference will allocate time for sessions which will allow delegates to participate.

The first day is devoted to regional trends in Southeast Asia, while on the second day, delegates will split into two groups covering "Reporting Under Repressive Regimes" and "Effective Lobbying for Press Freedom".

There will also be sessions 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 in Penang.

The third day will be devoted to discussions on the situation in each of the Commonwealth countries and on the future of the CPU.

On the final day, speakers will examine the future of the print media in the next millenium and will ask whether the digital age poses a genuine danger to traditional media.

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

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