

# Dr Mahathir to head another tele-conference

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DATUK Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will head a panel discussion using tele-conferencing technology for the second year running in conjunction with Multimedia Asia 1999 exhibition at the Mines from Sept 22 to 26.

The Prime Minister is expected to discuss global matters with top regional leaders to be confirmed at a later date.

National Information Technology Council secretary Datuk Dr Mohd Azzman Shariffadeen said this after the launching the MMA'99 logo and Multimedia Asia's website in Sungei Besi.

He said the NITC was encouraged by the first tele-conferencing, called *Virtual Commonwealth* last year, and decided to have *Virtual Commonwealth 2* this year.

*Virtual Commonwealth 2*

is an international platform for prominent local and international personalities to discuss global issues, problems as well as challenges and opportunities posed by the increasing process of globalisation.

Mohd Azzman also said a conference themed "Re-aligning for a New Economy" would be held during MMA'99.

"We expect at least 250 participants for this conference," said Mohd Azzman. The target participants of this event include heads of public listed and multinational corporations, top government officials, technopreneurs, economists and analysts.

For the exhibition, more than 100 exhibitors are expected to set up booths.

So far 60 exhibitors have confirmed.