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COMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE HELPS ENHANCE MALAYSIA'S IMAGE

PETALING JAYA, Sept 16 (Bernama) -- The 12th Commonwealth Law Conference which ended here today has been able to enhance the image of Malaysia's judiciary and its legal system, said Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Ibrahim Ali.

He said delegates had actively participated and openly deliberated on various issues including on Malaysia's legal system and the independence of the judiciary.

"I am quite happy to say that this conference was another proof that we, Malaysians uphold our system of democracy and freedom of expression," he told reporters at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, here.

Some 1,500 delegates from about 40 Commonwealth countries attended the four-day conference, opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Monday.

Ibrahim said he was also happy to note that the majority of the delegates deliberated on various issues in a very professional and rationale manner and of a high standard.

"We will try to use their suggestions as a guideline for our government to further strenghten our democracy and prepare our country for the next millennium," he said.

Ibrahim said the government had provided all the necessary support, including financial support to ensure the success of the conference.

On the other hand, Ibrahim said there were four minor incidents where several people took the opportunity to smear the government's reputation.

These include one by DAP deputy chairman Karpal Singh who tried to speak politics and propagate DAP politics at the conference while presenting his paper, he said.

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