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Congress to assess the development of Malays

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open a two-day congress on the development of the Malays in the face of globalisation on March 11.

The Prime Minister is also expected to attend a dialogue with participants on the second day before closing the event.

Four working papers on economy, religion, education and culture will be presented at the congress.

Its theme is "Upholding the Dignity of the Malay Race in the Face of Globalisation."

Among people presenting papers will be Finance Minister and Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin and Tan Sri Prof Ismail Hussein.

The event, to be attended by some 1,200 participants, is being organised by the Malay Chamber of Commerce Malaysia.

Its president Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli said among the objectives of the congress would be a review of the position and development of Malays in the face of globalisation and liberalisation.

The congress will also search for ways and measures to meet the challenges.

"The congress will discuss the successes and failures of the Malays.

"Remedies will be formulated to overcome the shortcomings," he said at a Press conference at the chamber's headquarters.

Tajudin said the event would be open to Malays from all levels of society, professions, political parties and non-Governmental organisations.

He added resolutions passed at the congress would be forwarded to the Government.

Follow-up teams would be formed to monitor and ensure that the proposals were implemented.

Those interested to attend can contact the secretariat at 03-4418522.

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