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DPMM TO ORGANISE MALAY CONGRESS NEXT MONTH

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 23 (Bernama) -- Various resolutions aimed towards the development of the Malay community in the new millennium would be discussed at a congress organised by Dewan Perniagaan Melayu Malaysia (DPMM) here on March 11 and 12, said its president, Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli.

The congress, whose theme is "Defending the dignity and honour of Malays amidst globalisation", would also evaluate the achievements and failure of Malays as well as identify appropriate steps for them to face the new millennium, he said.

Speaking at a press conference here, he said the Malay Economic Agenda Secretariat (SAEM) under the patronage of the DPMM would have staff who would ensure that there would be follow-up action on the resolutions.

The resolutions of the congress would be forwarded to the government, said Tajudin, adding that it was the DPMM's desire to see that they went beyond the compilation stage.

He said participants at the congress would have an opportunity to discuss four main topics covering religion, culture, education and the economy as well as take part in a dialogue with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Dr Mahathir will deliver the opening keynote address and the closing address.

First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin is expected to deliver a paper entitled, "The Malay economy -- its place and direction in a globalised world."

About 1,200 participants from the private and public sectors, non-governmental organisations, educational establishments, cultural and religious organisations, the media and political parties are expected to attend.

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