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Dr M to address BN Youth convention

TUARAN, Sun. - Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a premier speech at the four-day 2nd Barisan Nasional Youth convention at the Sabandar Bay Resort here beginning Sept 15.

BN Youth secretary Zulkifli Alwi said Dr Mahathir's speech would, among others, touch on the functions and responsibilities of the BN Youth as future leaders of the nation.

Themed `Continue the BN Struggle to the New Millennium (Teruskan Perjuangan BN ke Alaf Baru), the convention will be attended by 400 delegates representing the 14 BN component parties.

The convention will begin with a keynote speech by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at 8.30pm.

Speaking at a news conference here today, Zulkifli said the convention, held every two years, provided an avenue for BN Youth leaders to express their views on relevant issues.

"The convention is very important in view of the forthcoming general election," he said, adding that preparations for the election were among the key issues to be deliberated.

Zulkifli said First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin, Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob would each be delivering a working paper at the convention.

Daim will talk about the economy, while Najib's paper will revolve around education and national leadership, and Khalil will be talking about preparations for the general election.

A panel discussion to be participated by Sabah Chief Minister Datuk Osu Sukam, Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud, Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and BN secretary-general Datuk Mohamed Rahmat will be held on Sept 17.

The convention will come up with a resolution dubbed the "Tuaran Declaration" to be submitted to the BN leadership for action.

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