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MAHATHIR-MEETING

DR MAHATHIR TO ADDRESS MSIAN, U.S BUSINESS LEADERS IN NEW YORK

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 14 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to address the inaugural meeting of the Malaysia-U.S. Business Council jointly organised by the US-Asean Business Council and the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli), in New York at the end of this month.

Asli said in a statement today that Dr Mahathir will speak on "Malaysia and the United States in the New Millennium -- Challenges and Opportunities".

More than 50 Malaysian business leaders will join about 150 of their American counterparts at the meeting.

Asli said the prime minister was also expected to meet privately with a small group of American chief executives in a Private CEO Dialogue prior to the Business Council meeting.

Among those at the dialogue will be heads of major U.S. companies and fund managers who collectively manage over US\$1,000 billion (RM\$3,800 billion) in investment.

The dialogue will enable the U.S. business leaders to obtain clarification from the prime minister on a range of issues.

Asli chief executive officer, Datuk Michael Yeoh, who is also the co-executive director of the Business Council, said in the statement that the Business Council meeting will be the first major meeting of the U.S. and Malaysian business leaders since Dr Mahathir's last address to the US-Asean Business Council in 1996 and builds on the successful U.S.-Malaysia Business Roundtables which have been held over the past few years jointly by the US-Asean Business Council and Asli.

Yeoh said the Malaysia-U.S. Business Roundtables would bring together Malaysian and American business leaders to discuss how they can work together to enhance bilateral ties, particularly in trade, investments, multimedia and human resource development.

Among the members of the Malaysian business delegation who will be attending the New York meeting are Datuk Alex Lee, co-chair of the the Malaysia-U.S. Business Council, Mirzan Mahathir, Asli president and executive chairman, Tan Sri Azman Hashim, chairman of Arab-Malaysian Group, Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali, chairman and president of Tenaga Nasional Bhd, Tan Sri Tajudin Ramli, Malaysia Airlines chairman, Datuk Mohd Azlan Hashim, executive chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange and Tan Sri Francis Yeoh, managing director of YTL Corporation. -- BERNAMA

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