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PM-EAST ASIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

DR MAHATHIR TO ATTEND EAST ASIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT IN OCTOBER

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SINGAPORE, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Thai counterpart, Chuan Leekpai, will be the two foreign heads of states attending the eighth East Asia Economic Summit here next month.

Also confirmed for the three-day forum, from Oct 18 to 20, are Malaysia's International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and central Bank Negara governor Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman.

A statement from the Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF) said the summit would feature a series of specialised briefings, analysis and in-depth updates on national economies with key leaders from each country.

Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong is also participating in the summit that is co-organised by WEF and Singapore's Economic Development Board.

Several key trade and financial figures from several other countries and international organisations will also be attending.

They include International Monetary Fund deputy managing director Stanley Fischer, Japan's Vice-Minister of Finance for International Affairs Haruhiko Kuroda, Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister Supachai Panitchpakdi, World Bank senior vice-president Joseph Stiglitz, Hong Kong's Financial Secretary Donald Tsang and United States' Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Stanley Roth. -- BERNAMA

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