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DR MAHATHIR STIRS UP G15 SUMMIT WITH FIERY SPEECH

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica, Feb 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has impressed the delegates and audience at the opening of the G-15 summit here Wednesday with his views on the causes of the current world economic and financial woes.

"He is very impressive" is a common comment by delegates and officials alike, not to mention the corps of newsmen who scrambled for a copy of the text of his address.

Dr Mahathir spoke as the representative for the Asian members of the 17-member organisation.

"I have not heard him before but now I know why people are paying attention to him," said a member of the Jamaican chamber of commerce.

A liaison officer of the Peru delegation said she was very impressed because "he has the guts to say what he feels."

There is also a lot of requests for interviews with Dr Mahathir from journalists covering the three-day summit that began Wednesday.

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