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Dr Mahathir to launch telecoms symposium in May

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed will open the International Wireless and Telecommunications Symposium/Exhibition 1999 next month.

The annually-held event is scheduled for May 17 to 21 and will be staged at the Intekma Resort and Convention Centre in Shah Alam.

Jointly organised by the Institute Teknologi Mara's Faculty of Electrical Engineering and the Energy, Communications and Multimedia Ministry, the symposium will accommodate four major events, namely Pre-Symposium Tutorials, two mini Symposia, a Technical Symposium and an exhibition.

Speaking at the launch of IWTS '99 in Shah Alam yesterday, Energy, Communications and Multimedia Minister Datuk Leo Moggie said 150 technical papers will be presented at the five-day symposium.

"From the figure, 30 per cent of the papers will come from Malaysia.

"The rest will be presented by participants from the United States, Australia, China, England, Finland, France, India, Indonesia, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Poland, Russia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

"The IWTS '99 will provide an opportunity for the researchers from 19 countries to exchange views and information on their findings in the field of telecommunications."

The exhibition is expected to be attended by a large number of industry players with several multinational corporations and local telecommunication vendors showcasing their latest telecommunications and IT products.

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