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MAHATHIR IN DIALOGUE WITH KRUGMAN TO EVALUATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad along with international economics guru Paul Krugman will attend a closed-door dialogue today to evaluate the Malaysian economy and to ensure that recovery measures taken by the government are on track.

The dialogue, which is part of a seminar entitled, "Malaysian Business Forecast", organised by the Strategic (M) Sdn Bhd, will see the participation of 120 top-ranking officials, including ministers, government officials and private sector executives.

Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak will chair the closed-door session which will be moderated by former Bank Negara Deputy Governor, Tan Sri Dr Lin See Yan.

The seminar will also be attended by Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed as well as Bank Negara governor Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman.

Others include Securities Commission chairman Encik Ali Abdul Kadir, Petronas President Tan Sri Mohd Hassan Marican and Tenaga Nasional Executive Chairman Tan Sri Dr Ahmad Tajuddin Ali.

The seminar will make an evaluation of the steps taken by the government to effect economic recovery and to ensure that the measures are on track towards full recovery.

Among the topics to be discussed are Asia in the new economic environment and prospects for Malaysian business.

Krugman is expected to give a press conference this evening.--BERNAMA
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