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Congress

MALAYSIA TO HOST ENERGY CONGRESS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 4 (Bernama) -- Malaysia will host the four-day World Renewable Energy Congress 1999 beginning Tuesday, said the Energy, Communication and Multimedia Ministry in a statement today.

The congress, to be organised by the ministry with the cooperation of other public and private agencies, is expected to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

This is the first time the congress is to be organised in Asia and outside the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) countries, the statement said.

Malaysia is hosting the congress as an activity of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 under the initiative of the World Solar Commission, whose members include Dr Mahathir himself.

The congress, with its theme "Research, Development and Commercialisation of Renewable Energy" is to promote the timely introduction, diffusion, development and efficient applications of economic renewable energy technologies.

Some 335 participants, including 110 foreigners will be taking part in the congress. A total of 260 working papers will be presented -- 148 from foreign countries and 112 from Malaysia, the statement said.

The registration fee for participants is RM1,000 while post-graduate students could apply for sponsorship through the Electricity Supply Industry Trust Account.

In conjunction with the congress, several programmes have been drawn up to introduce and promote the development and utilization of renewable energy, it added.

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