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MAPEN DRAWS MEMBERS FROM ALL LEVELS, ALL WALKS OF LIFE

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The Second National Economic Consultative Council (Mapen II) launched today is made up of 155 members representing Malaysians of all races, from all levels of society and from various walks of life.

Mapen II is an official forum which allows representatives from different backgrounds and interests to air their views on the achievements of the NDP and endorse the country's new development policy after 2000.

Farmers and fishermen, doctors and lawyers, corporate leaders and petty traders, pensioners and student leaders -- all are represented in the council, whose task is to help shape the nation's economic future.

Also in the council are representatives of political parties, minority groups such as the Sikh and Thai associations, chambers of commerce and industry, trade unions, environmental groups and women's organisations.

Professional bodies, co-operatives, youth organisations, ulamaks and even journalists also have representatives.

Thirty-seven individuals have been named to sit in the council launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC). -- BERNAMA

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