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SOME 300 TO ATTEND M'SIAN BUSINESS FORECAST SEMINAR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Some 300 participants are expected to participate in a dialogue and seminar on Malaysian Business Forecast to be hosted by Strategic Intelligence (M) Sdn Bhd (SIM) on Aug 27, 1999 at JW Marriott Hotel, here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to attend the dialogue session, while Professor Paul Krugman, a well known economist from Ford International Professor of Economics, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) will also be present, said SIM's president Tan Sri (Dr) Lim Kok Wing.

At a press conference to announce the event, he said some 60 prominent Malaysian economists, businessmen and political leaders are expected to take part in the one-and-a half hour dialogue which would be held before the seminar.

The seminar will be divided into two sessions. The first one with the topic "Asia In the New Economic Environment," would be chaired by Education Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak.

Prof Krugman would be the main speaker at this session and will present a paper entitled "Managing The Paradigm Shift In Asia's New Economic Environment."

The second session, "Prospect For Malaysian Business" will be chaired by Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed.

Besides Prof Krugman, others invited for the second session included Bank Negara Malaysia governor Tan Sri Ali Abul Hassan Sulaiman, a member of the National Economic Action Council (NEAC) Working Group, Datuk Dr Zainal Aznam Yusof and managing partner of Andersen Consulting Larry Gan.

"The seminar brings together a number of experts, corporate and political leaders who will deliberate on issues that determined the future direction of the Malaysian economic and business environment," Lim said.

He expressed hope that the seminar will bring about useful ideas to further speed up the country's economic recovery.

As such, the proposals to be made at the seminar will help the recovery process actively, he said.

Seminar inquiries can be forwarded to the seminar's secretariat at the following address:

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