

PM to attend two conferences in Britain

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LONDON, Mon. — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to attend two conferences — one targeted at businessmen and the other at academics and students — during a three-day working visit to Britain next month.

On Oct 5, Dr Mahathir is scheduled to present a keynote address at the Malaysian-British Business Partnership for the 21st Century conference at the One Whitehall Place here.

Organised by Trade Partners UK, the one-day event aims to give British companies the opportunity to hear first hand Dr Mahathir's vision for Malaysia's future development.

This will ensure companies wishing to enter the Malaysian market for the first time or those wishing to increase their trade in Malaysia are able to maximise existing market opportunities.

Also to be present at the conference are Britain's Trade and Industry secretary Stephen Byers, Bank Negara governor Datuk Zeti Akhtar Aziz, Multimedia Development Corporation chairman Tan Sri Dr Othman Yeop Abdullah and Institute of Strategic and International Studies chairman Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee.

Zeti and Standard Chartered Bank Plc chairman Sir Patrick

Gillam will address the topic "Malaysia's Economic and Investment Outlook", while Othman and Admiral Plc chief executive officer Clay Brendish will dwell on "Converging Information and Communications Technology and E-Business Opportunities in the Multimedia Super Corridor".

Noordin, who partners University of Nottingham vice-chancellor Professor Colin Campbell, will elaborate on "Meeting Challenges of the Knowledge Economy".

On Oct 7, Dr Mahathir will present a keynote address at the "Malaysia in the New Millennium" conference, organised by the Cambridge University Malaysia Society (CUMaS).

The event aims to promote constructive dialogue as well as an exchange of ideas among students, academics, corporate officials and Malaysia's key policymakers.

Areas to be covered are knowledge economy, information technology and the Multimedia Super Corridor, banking reforms, globalisation and free trade as well as democracy and civil rights.

Expected speakers include Zeti, Othman, Noordin, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Dr Rais Yatim and Cambridge University's Faculty of Economics and Politics Newton Trust lecturer Michael Kitson.