

# Dr M to open media convention

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SHAH ALAM: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open an international convention on the role of the media 'in non-aligned countries' on Sept 21.

Education Ministry parliamentary secretary Dr Mahadzir Mohd Nor said the four-day meeting was expected to draw about 1,500 foreign and 350 local participants.

He said the convention would provide a platform to discuss the role of journalists in non-aligned countries and the need to report from the local context instead of using news from western-based wire agencies or broadcasts.

"The onslaught of information technology in changing journalism would also be a topic for discussion," said Dr Mahadzir.

The panel of speakers included veteran journalists from Malaysia, Indonesia, Mauritius and Pakistan, he added.