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LEAD LID-MEETING
2ND DAY OF LID 2000 GETS OFF TO EARLY START

LANGKAWI, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- The second day of the Langkawi International Dialogue 2000 (LID 2000) got under way with a breakfast meeting here today.

The meeting focused on a proposal to have a business link database among national smart partners.

Dr Md Khir Abdul Rahman, Chief Executive Officer of Telekom Malaysia Bhd, and Sir Charles Masefield, Group Marketing Director of BAE Systems from the United Kingdom, were the joint convenors of this session.

The session, which included business leaders and special guests, discussed what was to be done next on the matter.

LID 2000 is the second leg of the Global 2000 Smart Partnership Dialogue. The first was the Southern Africa International Dialogue 2000 (SAID 2000) held in August this year .

This year's smart partnership dialogue focuses on global trends in emerging economies and how to move forward the smart partnership movement for the next five years.

The dialogue's initiatives will be premised on simplicity, innovation and continuity.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will hold bilateral talks with some heads of state and government today.

The first of the foreign dignitaries whom he will meet is South Africa's Deputy President, Jacob G. Zuma.

Besides the breakfast session on the business link database, there will be sessions on "Hubbing & Webbing", "Social Corporate Responsibility and Smart Partnership", and "Smart Partnership in Action and the Implementation Framework" later today.

The wife of the Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, will moderate the special session covering the Social Issues Group on "Special Corporate Responsibility and Smart Partnership".

Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, President of the Malaysian AIDS Council, will be one of the lead catalysers of this session.

President Joaquim Alberto Chissano of Mozambique will be the moderator of the session on "Hubbing & Webbing".

In the dialogue forum later today, Bank Negara Malaysia Governor Datuk Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz will speak on "Regulation-driven Globalisation" while Danaharta Malaysia Managing Director Datuk Azman Yahya will touch on "Preparation and Measures for Managing Globalisation".

Today's dialogue will end with a smart partnership dinner which will feature three speakers.

The first is John Gage, Director of the Science Office, Sun Microsystems Inc, who will speak on "New Economy Beyond Dot Coms".

Ugandan President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and Botswanan President Festus G. Mogae will present their views on "Continuity & Forward Vision of the Smart Partnership Movement...Engaging the Next Generation".

In all of the sessions, the moderators and convenors will stimulate discussions on what is to be done next on various action plans and themes.

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