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A fruitful dialogue in Langkawi

THE four-day Langkawi International Dialogue 2000 (LID 2000), the second part of the Global 2000 Smart Partnership Dialogues, ended on Wednesday with most of the the proposals or visions being moved forward.

LID 2000 was about making visions happen and this was adequately addressed, judging from the responses from the delegates.

Opening the dialogue at the Mahsuri International Exhibition Centre in Langkawi last Sunday night, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad warned developing economies of possible economic domination by developed countries and called on the former to equip and strengthen themselves to fight the onslaught.

He said that failure to do so was tantamount to "laying down out weapons and surrendering our collective destinies".

Dr Mahathir reminded the developing world that globalisation, the so-called new phenomenon, was deliberately shaped to fulfil the requirements of the principal players.

Dr Mahathir again voiced his annoyance at the pressure put on developing nations to accept the process.

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