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AIR OF INFORMALITY AT LID 2000

LANGKAWI, Nov 20 (Bernama) -- There is an air of informality as far as the attire of the top delegates at the ongoing Langkawi International Dialogue (LID 2000) here is concerned.

Casual wear seems the order of the day among the male participants discussing heavy subjects like "Hubbing & Webbing", "Social Corporate Responsibility and Smart Partnership", "Smart Partnership in Action and the Implementation Framework" and "Infant Mortality from Diseases".

For instance, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wore a black polo shirt with a red collar, the "official wear" among the Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) personnel.

Many others were in batik shirts, and the African delegates seemed at home with them.

Such wear is certainly appropriate here, given the rather hot sunny weather that Langkawi is having at the moment.

On the other hand, the security and protocol personnel surrounding the VIPs seemed over-dressed in their business suits and bush jackets at the Berjaya Langkawi Beach & Spa Resort, the dialogue venue.

But at the media centre, which was converted from a disco, the temperature can be a tad too cold at times when the air-condition is in full blast.

A good respite when one is hot under the collar after chasing for a good news story.

But for those who have to work long hours at a stretch, many have resorted to wearing sweaters and jackets to ward off the cold. -- BERNAMA

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