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Dialogue to promote Smart Partnership concept

PUTRAJAYA, Wed. - The Global 2000-Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) hopes to instil Smart Partnership concept in addressing global and economic issues.

Science Advisor to the Prime Minister Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman said discussions for this year's dialogue, which is also the 5th LID, would focus on the theme "Global Trends and Emerging Economies".

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would be the patron and advisor of the dialogue which would be held between Nov 19 and 22 at Berjaya Langkawi Beach and Spa Resort in Langkawi.

Omar, who is also the joint-dialogue convenor of Global 2000-LID, added the dialogue would again be jointly organised by Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (Might) and Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management (CPTM).

He said Global 2000-LID is the second leg of Global 2000 series of international Smart Partnership Dialogue.

The first leg was held in Maputo, Mozambique last month, which ended with several issues to be further discussed in Langkawi during the two-day session.

About 350 participants are expected to attend this dialogue. They will include heads of government, leaders of the Non-Governmental Organisations, academia and senior government representatives.

Among the objectives of the dialogue are to examine the implications of global issues and trends on emerging economies and how the smart partnership approach can make a difference.

It is also aimed at consolidating the functions of various groups like Smart Business Link, Media Group, Labour group and Social Issues group.

Omar said the Prime Minister had so far extended invitations to 17 heads of government.

"The countries which have replied to our invitation are France, Botswana and Mauritius," he told newsmen at a media briefing on the dialogue at his office, here today.

Meanwhile, at the same media briefing, three sponsors and a media organisation presented contributions to the organisers of Global 2000-LID.

They were Rolls Royce regional executive Eion Bailey, Southern Bank Bhd general manager Nordin Yahaya, Projek Lebuh raya Utara-Selatan Bhd managing director Idrose Mohamad and Utusan Malaysia chief operations officer Latifah Hamzah.

Omar said the organisers hoped to raise RM2 million for the dialogue.

The second round of cheque presentation is expected to be held next month.

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