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DR MAHATHIR OPENS OIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING

KUALA LUMPUR, June 27 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad opened the 27th session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers (ICFM) here today at a time when Muslim countries were preparing to face the challenges of globalisation in the new millennium.

About 1,000 delegates from the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) member countries are attending the four-day meeting with the theme "Islam and Globalisation".

This is the second time Malaysia was hosting the conference, the first in 1974.

The opening ceremony was televised live by Radio and Television Malaysia (RTM) to five countries -- Brunei, Turkey, the Philippines, Iran and the London-based Associated Press Television News beamed it to Europe.

Some 400 media representatives and journalists from 24 countries are covering the meeting.

Formed in 1969, the OIC consists of 56 member countries and four observer states including Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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