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Kit Siang: PM should have attended Davos meet

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. - DAP National chairman Lim Kit Siang today said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad should have attended the 30th annual World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland last week to demand that globalisation be redefined.

"Dr Mahathir should have attended the Davos conference to confront the movers and shakers of the developed world with the developing world's demand for a redefinition of globalisation," said Lim in a statement today.

Lim welcomed Dr Mahathir's statement that he would be leading the Malaysian delegation to the five-day 10th United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad X) in Bangkok beginning February 12, but said it was "most unfortunate" for Malaysia and the developing countries that the Prime Minister did not attend the six-day Davos meeting, which began on January 27.

Lim said Dr Mahathir was positioned to play a crucial role to influence the world debate on globalisation by reporting to Unctad X, "so that it could work out an effective strategy to humanise the globalisation process".

The Prime Minister was quoted by the NST on January 28 as saying that he was not going to the Davos meet because he wanted to return to Malaysia earlier.

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