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LID 2000 DELEGATES AIM FOR ACTION FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS

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LANGKAWI, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- The Langkawi International Dialogue 2000 (LID 2000) delegates who are at the tail-end of their deliberations on Smart Partnership here are now hoping to turn that philosophy into something more tangible and concrete.

LID 2000, which started on Sunday, is the second leg of the Global 2000 Smart Partnership Dialogue on Global Trends and Emerging Economies. The first was the Southern Africa International Dialogue 2000 (SAID 2000) which took place in Maputo, Mozambique, last August.

To start off the day today, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the pillar of strength behind LID, convened a breakfast session on what the Smart Partnership movement should do next year.

To drive home the point of what sort of collective action can be undertaken by those who believe in this shared vision, he is also expected to share his thoughts on how emerging economies can join hands to shape their nations and destinies of their future generations against a backdrop of disruptive forces trying to suppress their economic potential.

There was another breakfast session on the Business Link Database proposal, which was a continuation from the where the participants left off yesterday morning. Today's meeting centred on using Information Technology and Multimedia for business opportunities and economic development.

Today's dialogue forums will feature several Malaysians acting as speakers, moderators and lead catalysers.

In the morning, Joint Dialogue Convenor Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman was scheduled to speak on "Prospering the New Knowledge Economy" while Tan Sri Noordin Sopiee, Director-General of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, on "Policy Initiatives for the New Economy".

Datuk Ramli Abbas, Vice President/Country Manager of Motorola Malaysia, will focus on the "Practical Experience of a Brick & Click Corporation."

In the interactive sessions, Datuk Shahril Shamsuddin, President of Sapura Group, will speak on "Building Skills for E-Economy" while Datuk Mohamed Salleh Ismail, President/CEO of Technology Park Malaysia, will talk about the "Business-to-Business and Business-to-Consumer" business.

Datuk Lim Haw Kuang, Chairman of Shell Malaysia, will speak on the E-Economy, Old Economy as well as oil and energy availability.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will be the moderator of a special session on hands-on experience on "Sustaining Growth and Development into 2020, Malaysia's approach to managing globalisation."

There will be presentations on "Awareness & Surveillance" by Datuk Mustapa Mohamed, Adviser to the Ministry of Finance, "Regulatory Framework for Capital Markets" by Ali Abdul Kadir, Chairman of Securities Commission, and "Budget 2001

-- First steps towards the New Economy" by Datuk Samsuddin Hitam, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Finance.

The Malaysian lead catalysers at this session are Khoo Chuan Keat, Executive Director of PricewaterhouseCoopers, Malaysia and Tan Sri Francis Yeoh of YTL Corporation.

The concluding dialogues and interactive forum on "Moving into action from here" will take place after lunch. There will be a presentation on "Managing Globalisation" by Bank Negara Malaysia Governor Datuk Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz.

Before the delegates enter into a Smart Partners Dialogue with the

media at LID 2000, Dr Mahathir will speak his mind on "Making Our Vision a Reality-The Next Five Years". -- BERNAMA
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