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LID: MIGHT AND CPTM THE TWO PILLARS BEHIND SMART PARTNERSHIP'S SUCCESS

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LANGKAWI, Nov 18 (Bernama) -- When people talk about the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID), they would almost always visualise government and business community sitting together to exchange views on smart partnership.

Not many may know that the LID's success was also greatly due to efforts put in by two organisations -- MIGHT and CTPM -- which bring together government and business leaders from the south-south nations and Malaysia to this tranquil resort island.

They had been doing so since the launch of LID in 1995.

And this year, Malaysian Industry-Government Group for High Technology (MIGHT) and the Commonwealth PARTNERSHIP for Technology Management Ltd (CPTM) will once again commence their task diligently.

The LID 2000, which begins tomorrow is expected to attract more than 300 participants, including 15 heads of state or head of governments, a deputy prime minister, a vice-president and several ministers from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean to grace the four-day event.

MIGHT is a non-profit company launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Feb 22, 1993.

It is a form of smart partnership between the government and the private sector to work together to initiate investment and business opportunities for businesses, policies options for the governments and research priorities for public and private institutions.

MIGHT with its 87 members play a role to shape Malaysia's competency in high technology and to mobilise and manage collective technology beyond the resources of individual organisations.

The company is steered by a prominent and selected group of individuals under the joint-chairmanship of a leading Malaysian corporate leader and the Science Adviser in the Prime Minister's Department.

It receives guidance from a board of directors comprising captains of industry and senior government officials.

Meanwhile, London-based CPTM is a non-profit company, comprising 53 governments, an increasing number of leading public and private corporations and approximately 500 senior professionals in their private capacity, called "network."

CPTM functions as a network which acts as a catalyst and a clearing house for a cooperative effort among member governments, the business communities and the growing "network" of senior professionals managers from basic research, technology integration and environmental management to macroeconomic planning, venture capital and marketing.

It was established in 1995 by the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). -- BERNAMA

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