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MALAYSIA OFFERS TO HOST OIC SUMMIT IN 2003

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DOHA (Qatar), Nov 12 (Bernama) -- Malaysia today formally offered to host the 10th summit of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) in 2003.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad made Kuala Lumpur's intention known while delivering a speech as the representative from Asia at the opening of the ninth OIC summit at the Sheraton Doha hotel, here.

"We consider the triennial Islamic summit as an important forum for constructive deliberations for the development of the ummah.

"It is in this connection that I, on behalf of the government and the people of Malaysia, would like to offer to host the 10th session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Kuala Lumpur in 2003," he said.

Dr Mahathir was hopeful that the offer would be favourably considered by all 56-member nations of the OIC.

Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar first hinted at Kuala Lumpur's keenness to host the summit at the OIC annual coordination meeting of foreign ministers in New York in September.

Another country which is interested to host the gathering of Muslim leaders is Gambia.

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