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PM TO OPEN 16TH IAHA CONFERENCE ON JULY 27

KOTA KINABALU, July 15 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to open the 16th Conference of the International Association of Historians of Asia (IAHA) here on July 27.

This is the third time Malaysia has been given the honour to organise the biennial event. Prior to this, the conference was held in Kuala Lumpur in 1960 and 1980.

For this year, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will play host to more than 200 international scholars in history.

According to a UMS press release issued here, the IAHA will discuss various issues including the economic history of Asia, religious revivalism and value systems as well as the challenges of modernisation in the region.

Among those who will be speaking at the conference are United Nations Special Ambassador to Myanmar and one-time president of the UN General Assembly Tan Sri Razali Ismail, an eminent scholar on Southeast Asian economies from Kyoto University, Prof Yoshihara Kunio, economic academician with Universiti Malaya Prof K.S.Jomo and historian Prof Khoo Kay Kim.

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