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RAFIDAH TO ATTEND G-15 MEETING FOR TRADE AND ECONOMY MINISTERS

KUALA LUMPUR, June 14 (Bernama) -- Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz would attend the fifth meeting of the Ministers of Trade and Economy of the G-15 in Cairo, Egypt on June 15.

The meeting is held in conjunction with the G-15 Summit which would be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad from June 19-20, a statement released by the ministry said today.

The trade ministers' meeting would be chaired by Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade of Egypt Youssef Boutros-Ghali.

At the request of Malaysia, this year's meeting would also focus on World Trade Organisation (WTO) issues, particularly on implementation issues, the review of the Uruguay Round and mandated negotiations on agriculture and services.

The G-15 Trade and Economy Ministers' meeting is a platform for developing countries to exchange views and highlight problems related to the implementation of WTO commitments.

The Ministers would have the opportunity to explore new ideas on cooperation to improve trade, investment and technology exchange through discussions.

In addition, there would also be a G-15 Trade Fair and Exhibition that is being held in conjunction with the Summit. Malaysia is participating in the Trade Fair and would exhibit products from 40 local companies.

The Malaysian exhibits include automobiles, computers, construction materials, electrical and electronic products, cosmetics, foodstuff and medical products.

"Malaysia believes the meeting will serve to further consolidate views of developing countries on multilateral trade issues as well as generate new ideas for enhancing cooperation to further increase the competitiveness of developing countries in global trade," the statement said. -- BERNAMA

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