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Two-day conference on port issues in JB

A TWO-day conference on port and related issues will be organised in Johor Baru in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the Port of Tanjung Pelepas on Monday.

According to Pelabuhan Tanjung Pelepas Sdn Bhd, which is hosting the conference, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to officiate at both the port and conference openings.

The conference, called PTP 2000 Conference, will be attended by top-level decision-makers from the port, shipping, forwarding and logistics sectors and is organised specially to mark PTP's opening.

An international exhibition on ports, shipping and transport equipment and service providers will be held simultaneously with the conference.

Among the conference speakers will be the company's chief executive officer Mohd Sidik Shaik Osman who will touch on PTP's development and vision, and United Kingdom's Ocean Shipping Consultants director Andrew Penfold on South-east Asia's port capacity and throughput requirements. A paper on the economics of transshipment in Southeast Asian liner trades will be presented by Steven C. Rothberg, senior principal and director (maritime and port practice) of The Kingsley Group of the US.

There will also be a paper on the future of container ports and shipping industry by Christopher C. Fisher, principal of Fisher Associates, UK. Day two of the PTP 2000 Conference will be structured in a workshop format.

Meanwhile, at Tanjung Pelepas near Gelang Patah, final touches are being made to the various port facilities, including the port administration building, ahead of the port's opening on Monday.

PTP began operations in October last year.

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