

# 2002 Budget dialogue opens next week

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THIRTY- representatives from various economic sectors have confirmed their participation in the three-day 2002 Budget dialogue to be held next week.

The dialogue, to be held at Putra Jaya, will see representation from chambers of commerce, think tanks and universities, industries and social and consumer groups.

The three sessions on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday will be chaired by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in his capacity as Finance Minister.

Among those participating are the Malaysian International Chamber of Commerce and Industry, trade representatives from the US, Britain and Japan, Sime Darby Bhd, the Association of Banks Malaysia, Malaysian Investors Association, Association of Stock Broking Companies of Malaysia, Malaysian Employers Federation, Federation of Malaysian Manufacturers, the Federation of Malaysian Consumer Associations and the Malaysian Humanitarian Foundation.

Institute of Strategic and International Studies chairman and CEO Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee, FMM president Tan Sri Zain Hashim and Sime Darby Bhd group CEO Tan Sri Nik Mohamed Yaacob are among the speakers.