

PM to launch SNNi during Aug 18 dialogue in Uganda

THE launching of Smart News Network International (SNNi) by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is one of the highlights of Global2001 (SAID/LID) Smart Partnership International Dialogue in Kampala, Uganda starting Aug 18.

Tan Sri Dr Omar Abdul Rahman, the coordinator of Might-CPTM smart partnership hub, said to date eight countries had agreed to join SNNi, including Malaysia, which was instrumental in its creation following the Global2000 dialogue in Maputo, Mozambique, last year.

"It is our hope that SNNi will create a more effective and efficient independent news reporting and media networking process among Smart Partners countries," he told reporters in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

He added that Dr Mahathir, who would be leading a strong Malaysian delegation, would also be opening a Malaysian Business Centre in Kampala.

More than 300 participants, including heads of state and heads of governments, will be participating in the dialogue, part of the international Smart Partnership dialogue series which includes the Langkawi International Dialogue.