

Roundtable on Asian capital markets in October

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THE Partnership for Equitable Growth (PEG), in a joint effort with Deutsche Bank, will be organising a Roundtable on Capital Markets here next month.

Its director and chief executive officer, Dr Shafiq Abdullah, in a statement, said the discussion will be entitled **Capital Markets: Asia for Asia**.

It will be an important milestone in the joint economic and technical effort to bring together the best resource personnel to discuss the regional economic situation and the way forward, he said.

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) to organise the roundtable was signed between PEG and Deutsche Bank on Friday.

PEG, a non-profit Apec-wide organisation consisting of top business personalities from the Apec member countries was formed in 1998 following the Apec Summit here.

"We are proud of the lead role taken by Deutsche Bank to ensure this forum takes place and addresses the key finance and development issues at hand," Shafiq said.

He said the roundtable will be attended by top industrialists and business personalities. Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been invited to open the event.

The Prime Minister, who is the founding patron of the organisation, is also expected to share his views on the topic.

Among issues to be discussed are the challenges of slower economic growth and what that means to the pace of liberalisation, particularly for the Asian economies.

In this context, Dr Shafiq said the theme of the roundtable was both apt and relevant. He said the discussion will include the role of asset-backed securitisation (ABS) and the impact it has had on national and regional recovery.