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ARABIC EDITION OF DR MAHATHIR'S BOOK TO BE RELEASED IN UAE

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ABU DHABI, Jan 29 (Bernama) -- An Arabic edition of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's book "A New Deal for Asia" is to be released in the United Arab Emirates next month.

The book would be launched in cooperation with the Abu Dhabi Cultural Foundation on Feb 10, Malaysian Ambassador Datuk Syed Hussain Al Habshee told reporters here.

The Dubai-based Arabic newspaper "Al Bayan" has already published excerpts from the book.

"In very simple terms, Dr Mahathir tells how Malaysia managed to overcome the financial crisis in East Asia. It is an experience that Malaysia would like to share with brotherly and friendly nations," Syed Hussain said.

A delegation from the Prime Minister's Office led by Datuk Hashim Makaruddin, who is Special Officer to the Prime Minister, will attend the book-release ceremony.

The announcement was made during a news conference called by Pahang Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Adnan Yaakob at the end of his official visit to the UAE.

Adnan, leading a high-powered business delegation from Pahang, held talks with top officials of chambers of commerce and industry in the emirates of Sharjah, Dubai and Abu Dhabi.

He urged businessmen in the emirates to exchange visits with their Malaysian counterparts to explore areas of investment and joint ventures.

He praised the modernisation achieved by the UAE.

"I am amazed at the rapid but well-planned progress in the UAE," Adnan said.

"This is an achievement in which the people of the UAE can be proud of. We can learn a lot from the UAE. The cities are well-maintained and clean," he added.

He announced that a delegation from Pahang would participate in an international environmental conference being organised here from Feb 4 to 8.

Adnan also said that the ecological wonders in Pahang made it an ideal choice for families and individual holiday-makers from the UAE and other Gulf countries.

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