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ARROYO TO ADDRESS MALAYSIA-PHILIPPINES BUSINESS FORUM

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 6 (Bernama) -- Over 300 businessmen from Malaysia and the Philippines are expected to attend the Malaysia-Philippines Business forum next Wednesday, aimed at enhancing business collaboration between the two countries.

Visiting Philippines President H.E. Madam Gloria Macapagal Arroyo will deliver the keynote address at the forum, the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) announced here today.

Arroyo would fly in tomorrow for a three-day state visit.

During the forum, several ministerial presentations would be made by Philippines Cabinet Secretaries on trade and investments, agro-business, logistics and infrastructure/ communications technology and Mindanao.

ASLI also announced that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would open and deliver a keynote address at the national conference on the National Vision Policy (NVP), the Eighth Malaysia Plan (8MP) and Privatisation on August 27, 2001.

The Prime Minister would also hold a dialogue session with the participants of the two-day conference.

The conferecen would provide businessmen, foreign investors, investment analysts and academic researchers with information and clarification on key aspects of the 8MP and NVP.

It would also enable the business community to be updated on the government's privatisation strategies as well as to evaluate the achievements and results of the country's privatisation programme. --

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