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INAUGURAL MALAY EDUCATIONAL CONGRESS SET FOR SEPT 1

KUALA LUMPUR, July 17 (Bernama) -- A group of prominent Malays have agreed to hold the first Malay Educational Congress at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) from Sept 1 to 2.

The congress will be open to all those interested in Malay educational issues irrespective of their social background and political affiliations.

Congress Chairman Tengku Razaleigh Hamzah told a news conference at his residence here today that six working papers on major issues in Malay education would be tabled at the congress.

The papers include Policies and Implementation of National Education System by Prof Syed Othman AlHabshi, Religious Education in National Education System by Ustaz Uthman El Muhammadi and Dr Zainuddin Jaafar and Performance of Malay Students by Dr Isahak Haron.

Tengku Razaleigh said the congress, organised in collaboration with the West Malaysia Teachers Congress and the "Kumpulan Melayu Prihatin", would be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

He said the organising committee felt that the Malays needed a solid education in preparing them for the challenges of globalisation.

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