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PM TO OPEN SABAH BUMIPUTERA ECONOMIC CONGRESS

KOTA KINABALU, March 2 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the Sabah Bumiputera Economic Congress 2001 here end of the month.

President of the Sabah Bumiputera Chamber of Commerce Datuk Ahmad Ali Lope Abdul Aziz said today the prime minister would also present a keynote address at the congress.

The congress, to be held in March 24 and 25, was important because it would discuss several issues regarded as stumbling blocks to the success of bumiputera businessmen all this while, he said in a statement here.

He said nine working papers would be tabled at the conference, covering topics like the issues, challenges and prospects of developing the small- and medium-scale industries (SMIs) in Sabah and the impact of globalisation on the Asean economies.

The congress was originally scheduled for November last year.

The secretariat has so far received participation from 650 people.

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