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PM TO OPEN TAMIL INTERNET CONFERENCE IN KUALA LUMPUR

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 10 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to open the Tamil Internet Conference 2001 here on Aug 26.

Fourth in its series, the three-day conference is touted the world's biggest international conference and exhibition on Tamil Internet and computing.

Previously, the conference was held in Singapore in 1997, India (1999), Singapore (2000), Kuala Lumpur (2001) and next year it will be hosted by the Silicon Valley, California.

It is being jointly organised by the International Forum for Information Technology in Tamil (INFITT) and the Malaysian Indian Congress (MIC), with the party president and Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu as its organising chairman. INFITT is a non-profit entity formed exclusively for the event, to be held at the Putra World Trade Centre.

Tamil Internet 2001 secretariat officer S. Anbucheliyan said the conference would be attended by some 800 delegates from 10 countries including representatives from the United States, Switzerland, Singapore and Sri Lanka.

Speakers to this conference would be experts in the language and IT, mostly from the US, Singapore and Malaysia.

An exhibition is also being held on the sidelines of the conference with a total of 75 booths parading the latest in Tamil Internet, achievements of Tamil IT experts as well as country pavilions.

The secretariat expects some 80,000 Tamils nationwide to attend this exhibition.

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