

# Dr M to address economic forum

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NEW YORK: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to have a busy programme when he arrives here next week for the World Economic Forum.

Dr Mahathir will be one of the speakers at the biggest gathering of world heads of state and government, corporate and religious leaders and representatives of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) being held in New York for the first time.

Despite the tight conference schedule, the Prime Minister is scheduled to meet top American business leaders.

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One of the events planned during the visit is the Malaysia Investment Summit organised by Salomon Smith Barney and Citibank together with the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute and the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange on Feb 4.

Dr Mahathir will attend the lunch at the summit hosted by Michael Carpenter, the chairman and CEO of Citigroup Corporate and Investment Bank and CEO of Salomon Smith Barney.

The Prime Minister will speak on "Maintaining Economic and Political Stability Amidst Regional Turbulence and Global Uncertainties: The

Malaysian Experience."

The three Malaysian speakers at the summit will be Penang Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange Datuk Mohd Azlan Hashim and Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz.

Dr Koh, who is also chairman of the Penang Development Corporation, will speak on "Malaysia: Choice Partner for the Global ICT Market," while Datuk Azlan will talk on "An Update on the Malaysian Capital Market - Towards a New Era of Corporate Governance, Reforms and Growth."