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KL summit will discuss rebuilding of trust in Asia

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — The two-day Economic Summit, starting on Thursday, will see the meeting of top minds in government, business and academia to discuss the rebuilding of confidence in Asia and how to re-attract investments to the region.

The global economy faces uncertainty following the Sept 11 attacks on the United States and the war on Afghanistan, and Asia is seen at the crossroads.

Themed "Asia's Economic Future — Rebuilding Confidence, Regenerating Investments", the summit is organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli).

Among the key topics are the proposed East Asia Economic Grouping and the establishment of an Asean-China Free Trade Area.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver the keynote address.

Participants will take stock of future challenges, assess global and regional trends, evaluate Asia's competitiveness and review threats to the region's peace and prosperity.

There will be several eminent speakers from governments, multinational corporations as well as global and regional economic organisations.