PM to address Williamsburg conference

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KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address at Asia Society's Williamsburg conference, a distinctive forum known for the quality of participants and its off-the-record discussions.

The conference, the 30th in the series organised by the Asia Society New York and co-hosted by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute, will be held at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel from April 11 to 13.

Asli chief executive Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh said this would be the first Williamsburg conference to be held in Malaysia since 1987.

"Asia Society's decision to come back to Malaysia after an absence of 15 years is a reflection of the improving relationship between Malaysia and the United States.

"It is also a testimony to the growing confidence and greater interest in Malaysia by policy makers and business leaders," he said.

The conferences were the first annual high level, private sector gatherings of Asian and American leaders from business, government, media and academia.

Prominent delegates from 15 countries expected to attend include US Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly, American International Group chairman Maurice Greenberg. former US Trade Representative Carla Hills and Singapore's ambassador-at-large Prof Tommy Koh.