

# Dr M: Let's gobeyond business arena

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LANGKAWI - It is more urgent now for the Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) which convenes today to go beyond the business and commercial arena and seek new areas of co-operation among the nations, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said.

"We meet now in the wake of the cataclysmic events of 9-11 (the Sept 11 terrorist attacks) with the global community finding itself at significant crossroads, searching for

new directions as we strive to journey towards peace, security and co-prosperity for all," he said in his message in the souvenir programme for the four-day sixth LID 2002.

He said peace and security must have the underpinnings of a shared future that was equitable and that promised a slice of the action in the larger pie of the world community.

He said all previous dialogues dealt with issues in creating smart partnerships for mutual well-being and mutual

progress in development.

"We continue in this dialogue to advance further the significant progress that has been achieved at national, regional and international levels, but this time with the added dimension of the further travails of 9-11," he said.

Dr Mahathir, who is the patron and advisor of Global 2002-LID, said the fundamentals of smart partnership that had evolved had helped the participants to address the changing patterns of trade and

competition, technological innovation and globalisation of information.

"Education and access to information that would pave the way toward sharing of the fruits of a globalised knowledge society is still the way to go," he said.

"The unique dynamics of candour, personal interactions, trust and sharing found in the smart partnership international dialogues will definitely propel us to global co-prosperity," he said.