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CPTM INVITES SMART PARTNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN "LIVING" DATABASE

LANGKAWI, July 30 (Bernama) -- The Smart Partners' Dialogue, which is part of the Langkawi International Dialogue 2002 (LID) beginning here Thursday, will provide an opportunity for interested parties to record their messages through a Smart Partners' "living" database.

Those wanting to participate in the "living" database need only take five minutes of their busy schedule at the conference and state a short personal profile of themselves (including their experience and skills), how they came to the Smart Partnership movement and their most memorable or favourite moment as a member of the Commonwealth Partnership for Technology Management (CPTM).

CPTM said in a statement that participants of the "living" database would have their data captured digitally on film, kept on record and displayed at every LID, which is on its fourth edition.

LID is usually held once every two years and has its humble beginnings in 1995.

"The purpose of the database is for members of all our links to get to know each other better. We will be creating a compilation of what people say and distribute it amongst all Smart Partners," CPTM said.

Those already part of the Smart Partner's Living Database include, among others, Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni, former Botswanan president Sir Ketumile Masire, CPTM chairman Tan Sri Dr Omar A. Rahman and CPTM chief executive Datuk Dr Mihaela Smith.

CPTM is an unique co-operative arrangement for the Commonwealth nations and beyond, bringing together governments, the private sector and individuals with specific contributions to sustainable economic growth and development of civic society.

Although in existence since 1984, it was set up in its present form later as a non-profit company limited by guarantee and without shareholding. It was tasked with providing advisory services in technology management to Commonwealth countries.

The firm was established with the agreement of the Commonwealth Heads of Government, following the decision at the Limasol (Cyprus) Meeting in 1993 to restructure the former Commonwealth Consultative Group on Technology Management.

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