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DR MAHATHIR HOSTS DINNER FOR PBEC DELEGATES

PUTRAJAYA, May 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad hosted a dinner for participants of the 35th Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) International General Meeting (IGM) at Seri Perdana, here, tonight.

About 170 people, including the Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, Chen Jinhua, 15 trade and economic ministers and business leaders attended the dinner.

Present were International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and PBEC Malaysia chairman Tan Sri Azman Hashim.

The three-day meeting began yesterday.

PBEC IGM is a forum for the Asia Pacific top corporate executives and key international leaders to address issues affecting the regional economy.

The IGM policy recommendations are formulated and directed towards organisations such as the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec).

This is the second time since 1994 that Malaysia is hosting the PBEC International General Meeting.

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