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Leaders describe meeting as successful

THE Global 2002 - International Smart Partnership Dialogue ended yesterday with participating Heads of State and Government including Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad describing it as very successful.

"We have had a very successful three days of meeting. A lot of people expressed satisfaction with the level of discussions and many also said they have learnt a lot," the Prime Minister said at a Press conference.

Dr Mahathir said the dialogue had attracted a lot of attention from developing countries.

"We would like the word to spread so that developing countries will have a forum to discuss matters on development and governance."

While no concrete measures were proposed except a Malaysian offer to the countries without the stock market to use the Labuan Financial Exchange as a surrogate exchange to raise funds, Dr Mahathir said many messages had emerged. "What we want really is to hear the views of other people, the way they tackle problems and we take note of them."