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PM TO ADDRESS CLOSE-DOOR WILLIAMSBURG CONFERENCE

KUALA LUMPUR, April 5 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will address delegates at a three-day closed door Williamsburg Conference to be held here in mid April.

Mahathir is scheduled to deliver an opening keynote address during a dinner reception on April 11, said Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh chief executive officer of the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) in a statement here.

The Williamsburg Conference will be held at the Sunway Lagoon resort hotel, Petaling Jaya from April 11 to 13, 2002.

Yeoh said, "Asli is selected as Asia Society's local partner in bringing the Williamsburg Conference to Malaysia."

He said the event would cover a comprehensive agenda that would examine peace and stability in Asia, economic prospects, the war on terrorism, Malaysia and Southeast Asia and the role of the US in the region.

Prominent delegates attending the conference will include key decision makers and policy formulators in various capacities from, among others, the US, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Brunei, Indonesia and Thailand.

Among them are US assistant secretary-of-state, Maurice Greenberg, Japan's senior vice minister for foreign affairs, Seiken Sugiura, Indonesia's state secretary, Bambang Kesowo, Brunei's permanent secretary for foreign affairs, Jusuf Wanandi and Singapore's Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh.

Prominent Malaysian delegates attending the conference include chairman/chief executive officer of Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee, Penang's chief minister Datuk Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Asli's president and executive chairman Konsortium Logistik Bhd, Mirzan Mahathir and Tenaga Nasional Bhd's chairman Datuk Jamaluddin Jarjis.

Yeoh said the Williamsburg Conference would serve as an avenue for leading US and Asians dedicated to improve US-Asia relations and the policy process.

The conference is organised by the Asia Society New York and co-hosted by Asli. -- BERNAMA

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