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PM TO SPEAK ON THE FUTURE OF ASIA AT ASIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 21 (Bernama) -- Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI) supported by the Asean Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ASEAN-CCI), the US-ASEAN Business Council and the China National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation will organise the Asia Economic Summit on March 7-8 here.

In a statement here today, ASLI said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad was expected to deliver the opening keynote address at the summit. He will speak on "The Future of Asia in the 21st Century".

Among the key topics that will be discussed are Asia's Economic and Investment Outlook, The East Asia Economic Grouping, Asia and Globalisation, Regenerating FDI to Asia, Stimulating Economic Recovery in Asia, the Proposed China-Asean Free Trade Area and Asia's Energy and Technology Future.

ASLI said there would also be a special CEO forum on "Surviving the Downturn, Positioning for Recovery and Growth as well as a business panel on "Enhancing Regional Business and Economic Cooperation".

The director-general (designate) of the World Trade Organization, Dr. Supachai Panichpakdi will deliver a special address on the WTO after Doha.

Among the speakers are Singapore's senior minister of State for Trade and Industry, Tharman Shanmugaratnam, former Philippines President General Fidel Ramos, vice-chairman of Salomon Smith Barney, and former US undersecretary of Treasury for International Affairs, Jeffrey Shafer.

From Malaysia, the speakers include Minister of International Trade and Industry, Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz, Minister of Energy, Communications & Multimedia, Datuk Amar Leo Moggie, Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) chairman, Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee, and MIDA chairman Tan Sri Zainal Abidin Sulong.

About 300 participants from Malaysia, China, Australia, the Philippines, Singapore, Japan, Korea and US will be attending the summit.

The summit will enable Asia's CEO's, senior government officers and strategic thinkers to discuss and review key developments, corporate realities and the changing environment. -- BERNAMA

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