

Top contributor to world meet

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KUALALUMPUR: Malaysia, which is hosting the 7th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC), has submitted 20 papers to the Commemorative Proceedings of the event, making it the biggest contributor.

The papers were contributed by the country's leading Chinese scholars and distinguished entrepreneurs for the convention, which would be held from July 27 to 30.

Datuk Lee Yee Cheong, an academician and the first Malaysian Chinese to be installed as World Federation of Engineering Organisations president, was among the first to have their papers selected.

Lee's paper - Challenges and Opportunities in Engineering and Technology in a Globalised Economy - would be docu-

mented along with 38 others selected from 59 entries received worldwide.

Other contributors were China, with 18 submissions, Macau (five), Hong Kong (four), Indonesia (three) and Japan and Australia (two each). Singapore, Thailand, Canada and the United States had an entry each.

WCEC Commemorative Proceedings sub-committee Dr Leong Kai Hin said yesterday that the submissions were selected by a panel of reviewers based on themes for this year's workshops.

He said the Commemorative Proceedings would be the first to be exercised since the biennial event started in 1991 to bring together Chinese entrepreneurs all over the world to discuss socio-economic issues pertaining to the community.

"The compilation will be a benchmark for the WCEC where the best of minds come together to share their views, their successes and their management skills in dealing with globalisation," said Dr Leong.

He also said the submissions would be compiled into a book to be launched on July 15 here.

About 2,000 Chinese entrepreneurs from 86 countries were expected to attend the convention at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre. The event was organised by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry Malaysia (ACCCIM).

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad would deliver a keynote address and hold a dialogue session with participants on the second day of the convention.