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DR M, DPM TO ADDRESS NAM BUSINESS FORUM

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 27 (Bernama) -- The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will address the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Business Forum next month, the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (Asli) said today.

Dr Mahathir will speak on "Building a New World Order-Sustaining Peace and Sharing Global Prosperity" on Feb 23 and Abdullah will deliver a dinner address on the same night.

The NAM Business Forum on Feb 23 and 24 at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel in Petaling Jaya is being organised in conjunction with the 13th NAM Summit from Feb 20 to 25 at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) here.

The forum is intended to further enhance South-South business cooperation, Asli said in a statement.

The NAM Business Forum was officially launched today by Malaysian Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar with the unveiling of its logo. He also witnessed the signing of an agreement between the event organiser, Asli and event partners.

Several heads of state and government will also speak at the "Special NAM Leaders Session" during the forum. They include South African President Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki, Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Indonesian President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

The two-day event will focus on enhancing regional and national competitiveness and strategies to sustain growth performance, bridging the developmental, trade and digital divide as well as highlighting NAM's role in a changing world environment.

The NAM Business Forum will provide a platform for top decision-makers and business leaders in the NAM countries to focus on strengthening regional and bilateral cooperation and discuss business issues impacting on South-South cooperation.

The business forum is being organised in association with Wisma Putra and the Malaysia South-South Association (MASSA).

Partners of the event consist of Commerce International Merchant Bank, DRB-Hicom, Multi Purpose Holdings, Nestle, Ranhill, Southern Bank, Tenaga Nasional, UEM Renong, TV3, the New Straits Times, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Confederation of Indian Industry.

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