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DR MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH BOOK ON MALAYSIAN TECHNICAL COOPERATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will launch tomorrow a book on the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP), which is a blueprint for technical cooperation between Malaysia and other developing countries.

The 128-page book, to be launched simultaneously with commemorative coins, first day covers and stamps marking the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here from Feb 20 to 25, will be given to delegates of the triennial summit.

The action plan outlined in the MTCP book is in line with the spirit of cooperation among South-South nations initiated by Dr Mahathir to promote smart partnership among developing countries in the technical, economic and social fields.

The launching of the MTCP book is timely, for Malaysia will be the Chairman of NAM over the next three years.

After its launch, the book, published in English by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) in the Prime Minister's Department, will also be distributed among Malaysia's diplomatic missions throughout the world.

The MTCP was launched on the realisation that developing countries should not depend wholly on aid from developed countries but should also share experience and expertise among themselves.

The MTCP was launched in 1980 as a follow-up to the Buenos Aires Action Plan of 1978 to promote technical cooperation among developing countries.

Since its launching, the programme has become Malaysia's foreign policy instrument for cooperation with 133 developing countries unlike in the early years of its formation when such cooperation was limited to Asean countries.

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