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DR MAHATHIR TO SPEAK AT JEDDAH FORUM

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DUBAI, Dec 19 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will address an economic forum in Saudi Arabia next month.

Dr Mahathir will be a keynote speaker at the Jeddah Economic Forum, the organisers said.

The speakers at the Jan 17 to 19 gathering in Jeddah include Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev and World Trade Organisation Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi.

All four keynote speakers will address the forum's theme "Achieving Accelerated Growth". The annual gathering is expected to draw 60 speakers and over 1,000 official delegates.

"This year the forum will be of unprecedented scale and will address many of the burning economic issues we face in these momentous times," the Jeddah Marketing Board chairman, Amr Dabbagh, said in a statement received here.

Dr Mahathir will speak on the topic "A Recipe From Malaysia For Growth: Vision 2020".

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