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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 28 (Bernama) -- The International Centre for Leadership in Finance (ICLIF), set up to accelerate the development of top management talents for the financial sector and corporations throughout Asean, was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today.

Incorporated in August 2003 as a company limited by guarantee with a grant of RM500 million, ICLIF collaborates with renowned international business schools and leading institutions to provide executive programmes tailored to the needs of the financial industry and corporations.

In his address, Dr Mahathir commended Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) for creating ICLIF as a centre for lifelong learning and excellence among leaders in Asia.

"I hope it is able to integrate the ideas of the East and West to evolve a unique model for leadership development applicable to both private and public sector," he said.

"We are living at a very interesting stage in the history of development and the development of leaders is critical for sustainable economic growth not only of our nation, but our region as a whole."

ICLIF is chaired by BNM governor Tan Sri Dr Zeti Akthar Aziz and managed by its executive director, Rafiah Salim, the former assistant secretary-general for Human Resource of the United Nations and a former assistant governor of BNM.

Three programmes that have been firmed up by ICLIF are the Global Leadership Development Programme, Technology Leadership for the Finance Industry Programme and Malaysian Directors' Forum.

Other programmes in the pipeline include Leadership in Transformation, Business Technology and Knowledge Management, Risk Management, Information Strategy for Competitive Advantage and Strategic Development of Islamic Finance.

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