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OIC SUMMIT WILL SEE ALL ROUND SUCCESS- AZZAT MUFTI

PUTRAJAYA, Oct 15 (Bernama) -- Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC) Assistant Secretary-General Azzat Mufti today expressed confidence that the 10th OIC Summit will be an all round success.

"I am confident that the summit beginning tomorrow will be a success from all aspects," he told reporters after attending the launching of a book titled "Dr Mahathir from an Arab and Islamic Perspective" by Information Minister Tan Sri Khalil Yaakob at the Putrajaya Convention Centre here.

Azzat said his confidence was based on the fact that the conference was being hosted by Malaysia which had won praise from many countries for its ability to organise international conferences well.

The presence of so many world leaders at this conference reflected the prestige of this Islamic forum and "we are confident of its success," he said.

Thirty-five heads of state and government will attend the 10th OIC summit to be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the Putrajaya Convention Centre (PCC) tomorrow.

This is the biggest gathering of Islamic leaders since the Sept 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States and the first OIC summit to be held in the Asia-Pacific region since the OIC's inception in 1969.

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