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PUTIN TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT BUSINESS FORUM HERE

KUALA LUMPUR, July 24 (Bernama) -- Russian President, Vladimir Putin will deliver a keynote address at the Malaysia-Russia Business Forum here on Aug 5, 2003.

The Business Forum is jointly organised by the Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (ASLI), the Russia-Asean Cooperation Fund and the Russian Embassy, ASLI said in a statement here today.

Both Putin and Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will also hold a dialogue session with the delegates after the President's keynote address.

The statement said a high-powered Russian delegation would attend the Business Forum led by Dr Vladimir Sautov, chairman of Russia-Asean Cooperation Fund.

In conjunction with Putin's visit to Malaysia, the joint-council meeting of the Malaysia-Russia Business Council will also be held on Aug 4, 2003.

Both Business Forum and the Business Council will focus on enhancing strategic partnerships between Malaysia and Russia in key sectors such as aviation and aerospace, banking and financial services, science and technology, medical, bilateral trade and investments, the statement said.

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