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SOME 50 INDONESIAN COMPANIES WILL TAKE PART IN OIC EXPO

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 8 (Bernama) -- More than 50 Indonesian companies will participate in the EXPO OIC 2003 held in conjunction with the 10th Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Summit in Putrajaya from Oct 11 to 18.

President of OICtrade Indonesia, Nugroho Widiyantoro, said that the expo from Oct 14 to 19 would provide opportunities for Indonesian entrepreneurs to look for and establish relations with business partners from other OIC member countries.

"We are taking this golden opportunity to come to Malaysia because the OIC will be held here and Malaysia is also not far from Indonesia, he told Bernama here today.

He said that Indonesian entrepreneurs have always looked at Malaysia as a good business partner and hoped that this would continue which would benefit both parties.

He said that by establishing a trade relationship, the company also hoped to turn Malaysia into a centre to market products to other OIC member countries.

He said that Malaysian Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, who is highly regarded by Indonesians, has always stressed on the need for the Muslim community to enhance trade cooperation.

"In line with Dr Mahathir's vision, we hope that our presence here will be welcomed to form partnerships with Malaysian entrepreneurs," he said.

Apart from that Indonesian entrepreneurs could also gain experience not only from their Malaysian entrepreneurs but also with those from the other 57 Islamic countries.

More than 800 companies from 60 organisations of the OIC countries and non-OIC members, including China, France, South Korea and Taiwan, would take part in the exhibition.

Datuk Rosle Jaamat, the executive director of F&R Exhibition and Conference Sdn Bhd, which is organising the event, had said that the expo would act as a platform to help create opportunities for both Malaysian and Islamic countries' to tap each other's markets.

Dr Mahathir is expected to open the expo on Oct 14.

Further information on the summit could be obtained from www.bernama.com/oicsummit. -- BERNAMA

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