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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME BOOK FOR NAM DELEGATES

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 31 (Bernama) -- Delegates to the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit here from Feb 20 to 25 will be supplied with the book on the Malaysian Technical Cooperation Programme (MTCP) which is the blueprint for technical cooperation between Malaysia and other developing countries.

The action plan is in line with the spirit of cooperation among South-South nations initiated by the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to promote smart partnership among developing countries in the technical, economic and social fields.

The 128-page book is scheduled to be launched by Dr Mahathir on Feb 6 together with commemorative coins, first day covers and stamps marking the NAM summit in Kuala Lumpur.

The triennial summit was last held in Durban, South Africa.

The launching of the MTCP book is timely, for Malaysia will be the Chairman of NAM over the next three years.

After its launch, the book, published in English by the Economic Planning Unit (EPU) in the Prime Minister's Department, will be distributed among Malaysia's diplomatic missions throughout the world.

The MTCP was launched on the realisation that developing countries should not depend wholly on aid from developed countries but should also share experience and expertise among themselves.

The MTCP was launched in 1980 as a follow-up to the Buenos Aires Action Plan of 1978 to promote technical cooperation among developing countries.

Since its launching, the MTCP has become Malaysia's foreign policy instrument for cooperation with 133 developing countries unlike in the early years of its formation when such cooperation was limited to Asean countries.

Under the MTCP, human resource development is being stressed through training programmes conducted by government agencies, training institutes and local universities.

There are also student exchange programmes, attachment of officers in related government agencies, supply of equipment, aid in the form of projects and provision of advisory services.

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