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YEOH: PROPOSAL TO INSTITUTIONALISE THE BUSINESS FORUM IN FUTURE SUMMITS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 5 (Bernama) -- The Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Business Forum to be held on Feb 23 in conjunction with the 13th NAM Summit later this month, will propose the institutionalisation of the Business Forum in future NAM Summits, its organising committee chairman, Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh said today.

He said the proposal was to engage business community in the NAM process and to make a strong call for world peace and international understanding for without peace, economic development and progress cannot be achieved.

"Clearly the business community can only thrive in an environment of peace without uncertainties," he added

The Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address entitled, "Building a New World Order - Sustaining Peace, Sharing Global Prosperity."

Apart from that, the forum will also have several leaders of NAM member countries addressing this special session including South African president Thabo Mbeki, Indonesian president, Megawati Soekarnopuri, Indian prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Thailand prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra and Cuban president Fidel Castro, Yeoh said.

According to Yeoh, the leaders would be addressing issues based on theme "Remaking NAM, Enhancing Cooperation, Building Bridges" which is in line with the 13th NAM Summit which is "Continuing the Revitalisation of the NAM."

Yeoh said during the forum participants were also expected to endorse the Malaysians for Peace Movement.

In line with NAM's objective of promoting peace, the dinner to be held will have as its theme, "The Celebrating of Peace."

Deputy Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will deliver the dinner address and will light the Peace Candles to signify the Celebration of Peace. -- BERNAMA

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