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DR MAHATHIR TO DELIVER KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT SEMINAR ON ANTARCTICA

PENANG, April 28 (Bernama) -- Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address on "Policies of Antarctica: What is the role of the developing countries in Antarctica" at the 2nd Malaysian International Seminar on the Antarctica on May 3.

The three-day seminar, organised by the School of Biological Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), and the Academy of Sciences Malaysia, will be held at Parkroyal Hotel in Batu Feringghi here.

The Dean of the School of Biological Sciences, Prof Mashhor Mansor, said the country was fortunate to have such a visionary leader like Dr Mahathir, who initiated, promoted and motivated Malaysian scientists to expose themselves in studying the Antarctica.

He said the seminar was a continuous agenda of the Malaysian Antarctica team to enhance and widen the scope of scientific studies in the Antarctica and its surrounding areas, including the Southern Ocean.

He added that the objective of the seminar was to gather Antarctica researchers, policy makers and scientists and provide an avenue for discussion among the experts working on various aspects of the Antarctica.

About 80 participants from Argentina, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Sweden, Russia, India and Indonesia, including 30 from Malaysia, will attend the seminar.

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