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Dr M to deliver keynote address at East Asia Congress

KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. - Some 1,400 participants from 13 East Asian countries will attend the First East Asia Congress at the Putra World Trade Centre from Aug 4 to 6.

Organised by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia, the meeting will cover topics of critical interests to the region.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver the keynote address, which will be telecast live over RTM, ISIS chairman and CEO Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee said today.

"The congress is a fitting tribute to the courageous efforts of Dr Mahathir to build an East Asian community of co-operative peace and prosperity. It will be dedicated to germinating proposals for East Asia community building."

Former Japanese Vice-Minister for Finance Prof Eisuke Sakakibara (Mr Yen) will also address the meeting. He will be reviewing the case for an Asian Monetary Fund.

Sessions on issues of free trade arrangements, bond market development and education, health and tourism co-operation and management of labour migration will be held.