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Putin to address KL forum on Aug 5

KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. - Russian President Vladimir Putin, who is expected to visit Malaysia next month, will deliver a keynote address at a landmark Malaysia-Russia business forum which will also be attended by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Asian Strategy and Leadership Institute (Asli) chief executive officer Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh said, in a statement today, that the forum would enhance the close ties between both countries and bring business co-operation to greater heights.

The event, to be held at the Shangri-La Hotel on Aug 5, would focus on enhancing strategic partnerships in sectors such as aviation and aerospace, banking and financial services, science and technology, medical, and bilateral trade and investments.

Yeoh also said that Dr Mahathir and Putin would have a dialogue session with forum delegates from both countries after Putin's keynote address.

The forum, jointly organised by Asli, the Russia-Asean Co-operation Fund and the Russian Embassy here, would augment the successful business forum held in Moscow during Dr Mahathir's visit last year.

In conjunction with Putin's visit, the Malaysia-Russia Business Council, chaired by Sapura Group chairman Tan Sri Shamsuddin Abdul Kadir, would hold its meeting on Aug 4.