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Malaysia to host 4-day Chinese entrepreneurs meet

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MALAYSIA will host the 7th World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention (WCEC) from July 27 to 30 this year.

The four-day event is organised by the Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Malaysia (ACCCIM).

Yesterday, HSBC Bank Malaysia Bhd pledged RM250,000 to help sponsor the event.

ACCCIM's president Tan Sri Lim Guan Teik said the convention will be the

largest gathering of Chinese entrepreneurs from outside China.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will deliver a keynote address and have a dialogue with participants.

He was speaking to reporters at the presentation of HSBC's sponsorship of the WCEC in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

The event, to be held at Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre, Bandar Sunway

in Selangor and Genting International Convention Centre, is expected to attract more than 3,000 businessmen from 86 countries.

Lim said that ACCCIM needs roughly RM2.5 to RM3 million to host the event. He added that a few other organisations have indicated their interest in sponsoring the event.

"We will let (the media) know when there is a firm commitment from these sponsors," he said when asked to name the interested parties.