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Dr M: Business ties with Africa to improve after dialogue

PUTRAJAYA: Malaysia and Langkawi International Dialogue (LID) members will have stronger and mutually beneficial co-operation after the forum, said former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

"Participants from developing countries will be able to share their problems. The forum serves as a platform for members to seek a solution to their respective nation's problems," he said yesterday.

Dr Mahathir, who is the founder of LID, described the participation for this year's dialogue as "quite good" compared with previous years.

He noted that after the dialogue, Malaysia would have a higher visibility in the African market and Malaysian businesses could expect to do better there.

However, Umno Youth Chief Khairy Jamaluddin expressed his reservation about LID's value.

He said in his twitter post on Saturday: "Robert Mugabe arrives in Malaysia. What do we gain by inviting leaders like this? We should stop this type of dialogue".