

High praise for KL Summit

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Qatar Emir who is attending meet shares ideas with PM

DOHA: The Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani has praised Malaysia for organising the Kuala Lumpur Summit 2019.

"In the meeting with the Emir of Qatar, most of the discussions were devoted to the Kuala Lumpur Summit.

"I think the Emir will be coming (to the summit) and gave many ideas which reflects the way he administers Qatar, with special focus on education," Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad told the Malaysian media after attending a dinner with the Malaysian diaspora in Qatar here on Thursday.

Dr Mahathir said the Emir praised Malaysia during their four-eyed meeting at the Amiri Diwan here on Thursday.

The Amiri Diwan is the seat of rule of the State of Qatar. It is the sovereign body and administrative office of the Emir of Qatar.

The KL Summit, which will be held at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre from Dec 18 to 21, will, among others, delve into seeking new solutions for problems affecting the Islamic world and contribute towards improving the situ-



Exchanging views: Dr Mahathir meeting with Qatar Foundation chairperson Sheikh Moza Nasser Al Missned during his official visit to Qatar. — Bernama

ation for Muslims and Muslim countries.

It is also aimed at forging a network among Muslim leaders, intellectuals, scholars and thinkers in the world to revive the Islamic civilisation.

Dr Mahathir is the chairman of the Kuala Lumpur Summit 2019.

The Emir of Qatar, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani are among the notable

Islamic leaders expected to join the summit.

Asked about the round-table with Qatari captains of industry, Dr Mahathir, who is on a four-day official visit to the country that started Wednesday, said leading industry players of Qatar expressed interest in investing in Malaysia.

"They also want Malaysians to invest in their country and to forge partnerships with them."

Dr Mahathir said he was attracted by the way Qatar overcame the problem of economic sanctions by several countries since 2017, among them by venturing into cattle farming to produce milk even though the country does not have much grazing land.

He said the administration of Qatar gave priority to the education of the people, also by inviting world leading universities to open branches in the country.

"This is one effort which will make Qataris more educated than most other Islamic countries. At the same time, they also use English as a medium to teach religion and several other fields," he added. — Bernama