

**Malaysia-Arab Business Forum To Enhance Economic Ties  
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KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 17 (Bernama) -- The upcoming Malaysia Global Business Forum-Strategic Partners-Malaysia & The Arab World, is set to discuss on ways to bring economic ties between the two nations to new heights.

The conference will look at the various business opportunities that the Arab world has for Malaysians and how structural changes in some of the Arab governments will affect the business climate.

In a joint statement today, the Malaysia Global Business Forum and Arab Malaysian Chamber of Commerce said the Secretary General, Council of Arab Economic Unity, The Arab League, Mohammed Al-Rabee will be a keynote speaker at the forum, scheduled to be held this February 22 at Menara Matrade.

Deputy Minister of International Trade and Industry Datuk Mukhriz Mahathir is also slated to speak at the one-day conference.

The Chairman of Malaysia Global Business Forum, Nordin Abdullah, said that the attendance of the Secretary General of the Council of Arab Economic Unity at the event was indicative of "how serious the Arab World is about working with Malaysia and Malaysian companies for development."

"Mukhriz will be speaking to companies from the 16 member countries (of the Arab League) that are attending. The role that the Ministry of International Trade and Industry and its related agencies play are vital to the success of this event," Nordin said.

Malaysia is a great example for the developing world especially in the key areas of healthcare, tourism, construction and food security, energy and finance, he said.

"Malaysia is the leading country in the world for raising capital and this makes Kuala Lumpur an obvious choice for Arab companies to set up regional headquarters," he added.

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