

PM Satisfied With Response To WIEF
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JOHOR BAHRU, Dec 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today expressed satisfaction with the response to the 8th World Islamic Economic Forum (WIEF), here, which has recorded the biggest number of delegates so far at 2,100.

He said the annual forum, being held for the first time outside Kuala Lumpur, was not only focusing on economic aspects within the islamic world but also on relations with other countries.

"I have met with the leaders attending the forum and all have said that it is very useful with extraordinary diversities," he told reporters, here, Tuesday.

Najib, who is also Finance Minister, said with the participation of more than 80 countries, the business prospects looked good through such a forum.

The WIEF, held from today until Thursday at the Persada Johor Convention Centre, is jointly hosted by the Malaysian and Johor governments.

The forum themed "Changing Trends, New Opportunities", also features 120 international speakers.

Among the leaders attending are Comoros President Ikililou Dhonine, Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Moro Islamic Liberation Front chairman, Al Haj Murad Ebrahim.

A side programme at the forum is the 'Marketplace of Creative Arts' where 31 artists and entertainers from 17 countries will showcase their music, songs, dance, films, calligraphy and paintings, and there will also be arts workshops.

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