

Dr Mahathir to officiate world' s largest palm oil congress

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KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 15 -- Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad will be officiating the upcoming world' s largest palm oil congress, the International Palm Oil Congress and Exhibition (PIPOC) organised by the Malaysian Palm Oil Board (MPOB), to be held here from Nov 19-21.

MPOB director-general Dr Ahmad Parveez Ghulam Kadir said the prime minister will also present a keynote address at PIPOC.

“Dr Mahathir has always been a staunch advocate of the palm oil industry, and we are greatly honoured to have him officiate PIPOC 2019, themed ‘Balancing Sustainability Pillars’ .

"I trust that the premier' s presence at the event will generate the right signals to the development of the industry and undoubtedly enhance the significance of PIPOC 2019,” he said in a statement today.

Ahmad Parveez said the Minister of Primary Industries Teresa Kok Suh Sim will also be presenting the welcome remarks to kick off the three-day international event at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

"The event revolves around the vital aspects of the sustainable production of palm oil, that is, planet, people, and profit, with a focus on the latest research and practices in the oil palm industry," he added.

The year' s event is expected to draw more than 7,000 people, mainly researchers, academics, policymakers, and industry experts from all over the world.

The event will also showcase five concurrent conferences -- Agriculture, Biotechnology and Sustainability; Chemistry, Processing Technology, and Bio-Energy; Oleo and Specialty Chemicals; Global Economics and Marketing; as well as Food, Health, and Nutrition.

In addition, there will also be an exhibition with over 400 booths displaying new industry advances, technical tours and a golf tournament.

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