

# **Listing of Petronas unit a positive catalyst for bursa: Economist**

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- As the government mulls listing a Petronas subsidiary on Bursa Malaysia, an economist believes that the move could act as a catalyst for the local bourse, hence attracting more investors.

Bank Islam Malaysia Bhd chief economist Dr Mohd Afzanizam Abdul Rashid said on the positive side, there will be more quality companies with big market capitalisation listed on Bursa Malaysia.

"Apart from that, there will be more transparency as listed companies need to publish their unaudited quarterly accounts," he told Bernama.

From a foreign investor's perspective, he said, the local market would attract more attention as there will be more choices of strong fundamental stocks.

However, he said that once it is listed, any strategic decision could involve shareholders' approval as there will be a wider base of shareholders including private fund managers.

Earlier today, Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad said that the government is mulling listing one of Petronas' subsidiaries to make Bursa Malaysia more attractive.

He named Petronas Carigali as one of the candidates, adding that there are also other possibilities.

There has been market talk about listing Petronas Carigali over the years, but until now nothing has materialised.

Currently, Petronas has three linked companies listed on Bursa Malaysia -- Petronas

Chemicals, Petronas Dagangan and Petronas Gas -- which are considered blue chip stocks with high composite index weight.

As at 3pm, Petronas Chemicals was at RM7.51 per unit, with Petronas Dagangan at RM23.36 and Petronas Gas at RM16.52 per unit.

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