

## Home for 'peace' efforts at Perdana Foundation

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**A permanent secretariat will be established at the Perdana Leadership foundation here to promote peace.**

It is aimed at making Malaysia and the Foundation a centre for peace-building and conflict resolution, the secretariat is also to ensure the continuity of peace-building efforts. The secretariat, an initiative by former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad, will be setup after the Perdana Global Peace Forum on Dec 15 to 17 at PWTC.

“Peace is a prerequisite in ensuring prosperity, development and growth. We do not want the conference to be a one-off meeting. It is rather the beginning of a long and well-sustained campaign to get all countries and interested non-governmental organisations to actively promote it,” said Dr Mahathir.

On the two-day conference in Kuala Lumpur, Dr Mahathir said the overwhelming response indicated that Malaysians and foreigners are mindful of the importance of supporting peace initiatives.

Dr Mahathir is the foundation’s honorary president. Lending political support to the forum are the Prime Minister’s Department, Foreign Ministry and the police.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his deputy Datuk Seri Najib Razak are scheduled to speak at the forum. Among other key speakers are former Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and United Nations former secretary-general Denis J. Halliday.

Yesterday, Dr Mahathir also received sponsorships for the forum, worth RM2 million. Public can log on to the forum’s website at [www.perdana4peace.org](http://www.perdana4peace.org).

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