

Mahathir elected council chairman

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues. — Former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad has been appointed chairman of NAM Business Council International Advisory Panel as of today, said council secretary-general Datuk Dr Michael Yeoh.

Yeoh, who is a director and chief executive of Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute, said NAM Business Council comprised the Board of Governors, the International Advisory Panel and the Permanent Secretariat and Management Board.

An International Advisory Panel of not more than 25 members has been set up comprising former statesmen and experts, as well as business and academic personalities from the

Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) member countries.

Other members include Permanent Representative of Malaysia to the United Nations and chairman of NAM Coordinating Bureau, Datuk Rastam Mohd Isa, president of the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Y.K. Modi, director, Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore, K. Kesavapany, executive director, Institute of Future Studies for Development, Thailand, Dr Priengsak Chareonwongsak, and president (Designate), Confederation of Indian Industry, Sunit Kant Munjal.

The council will be run by the Permanent Secretariat comprising the

Management Board and the office of the Secretary-General.

President of the Malaysia South-South Association, Tan Sri Azman Hashim, was appointed president of the newly launched council.

Jose Concepcion, past president, Asean Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Philippines, was appointed a council vice-president.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, represented by his deputy Datuk Seri Najib Razak, today launched the Business Council in his capacity as chairman of NAM. The launch saw the unveiling of the logo and the presentation of the vision and mission statements. — Bernama