



MIRZAN MAHATHIR, PRESIDENT OF KONSORTIUM LOGISTIC BERHAD, TO SPEAK AT PBEC CONFERENCE IN TOKYO

Honolulu, March 12, 2001 - Mirzan Mahathir, Executive Chairman and President of Konsortium Logistic Berhad, Malaysia, will be addressing delegates at the 34th International General Meeting (IGM) of the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC), which will take place April 8th - 10th in Tokyo, Japan. The annual conference brings together leading business executives, heads of government, and government ministers from throughout Asia, the Pacific, and the Americas.

Mirzan Mahathir will be speaking in a session entitled "Information Technology and Telecommunication in the New Economy." Information technology, including wireless technology and telecommunications, has revolutionized the way we do business and the way we live. It has radically improved access to information, and our ability to communicate with each other and conduct business on a global scale. However, such opportunities also present new challenges. What is the impact of this new technology, and what are the issues raised by its increasing use? Other speakers confirmed for this session include: **Mr. William Krueger**, Chief Executive Officer, Xin De Telecom international Ventures (China), **Mr. Takashi Kitaoka**, Senior Advisor, Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (Japan), **Mr. C. D. Tam**, Executive Vice President and President, Asia Pacific, Motorola Electronics Pte. Ltd. (Singapore), and **Mr. Thomas O'Gara**, Chairman and CEO, The O'Gara Company (USA).

Speakers confirmed for other sessions at the IGM include: **Dato' Seri Rafidah Aziz**, International Trade and Industry Minister (Malaysia), **Sir John Bond**, Group Chairman, HSBC Holdings (United Kingdom), **His Excellency Fidel Ramos**, Former President and Special Envoy (Philippines), and **Mr. Eisuke Sakakibara** (also known as "Mr. Yen"), Former Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs (Japan).

Mr. Mirzan Mahathir became the Group Executive Chairman of Konsortium Logistic Berhad in 1992. His previous business experiences include: International Business Machines, Solomon Brothers, and a variety of other business ventures, public and private. Mr. Mahathir has also been the President of the Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute since 1993. He is a member of the Malaysian South-South Association, a Vice Chairman of the Malaysian Ship-owners Association, and the President of the Container Haulers Association of Malaysia.

PBEC's IGM is an opportunity for the region's foremost corporate executives to gather with other international leaders to discuss, in a frank and intimate setting, the key issues in the regional economy, and to publicly issue policy recommendations and statements. The IGM typically includes major addresses given by heads of government, governmental ministers, leaders of prominent international organizations, and senior executives of some of the largest corporations in the region.

The theme of this year's conference is "Regional Vitality in the 21st Century." A full listing of confirmed speakers, agenda, and registration materials may be obtained through the web site or contact information listed below.

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