

# PM: Japan to study plans on economy

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sun. — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone will direct his Ministers and officials to make in-depth studies into proposals made yesterday by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to help revive the sluggish Malaysian economy.

Dr Mahathir said tonight that Mr Nakasone was sympathetic to Malaysian problems when they met over lunch during his unofficial visit to Japan.

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He said that he brought up issues relating to bilateral trade, the economic slowdown in Malaysia and the role to be played by Japan under such circumstances.

"He promised to consider my proposals and will direct his Ministers and officials to make an in-depth study into the matters raised by me.

"My proposals are mainly to attract more investment to the country. It is not time yet to re-

veal what they are."

The Prime Minister who flew in from Tokyo at midnight was speaking at a Press conference at the Subang airport's Bunga Raya VIP Lounge.

Deputy Prime Minister Ebrahim Ghafar Baba and the Land and Regional Development Minister Datuk Dr Sulaiman Daud were among those who welcomed Dr Mahathir home.

On the expulsion of two journalists of the *Asian Wall Street Journal*, the Prime Minister said there were two articles and an editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* criticising the expulsion.

He had a meeting with a representative of the *Wall Street Journal* and he described him as biased to the extent that he could not believe that the *Asian Wall Street Journal* reporters could have done anything to warrant an expulsion.

"I found there was no reason to talk with him any longer."

He said if the United States could expel diplomats who enjoyed immunity, he saw no reason why Malaysia could not expel journalists.

In TOKYO, Bernama-Kyodo Economic Service reported that Dr Mahathir had asked Mr Nakasone to ease the terms of Japan's yen loans to Malaysia.

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