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Dr M, Kok Kun exchange views on currency problems

THE bilateral meeting between Malaysia and South Korea saw leaders from both countries exchanging views on currency problems, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said yesterday.

He said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad wanted to know what the situation was and what has happened with South Korea since it accepted the IMF package.

"Dr Mahathir was told that when the crisis occurred, the Koreans were quick to show support and discipline, and believed in the Korean Government."

Abdullah told a press conference yesterday these efforts helped the country solve its economic problems.

Meanwhile, Abdullah also said the South Korean Prime Minister Koh Kun had revealed that Korean women have collected 1,000 kg of gold to indicate their support especially for small enterprises and banks.

"The South Korean Government also wants to increase bilateral trade with Malaysia and other countries," Abdullah said.

Meanwhile, on Malaysia's bilateral meeting with Laos, Abdullah said that the meeting focused more on the issue of how Laos could be included in the train project under the Mekong Basin Development programme.

"Laos have asked for the train services to include its parameters since they want to improve their transport infrastructure.

"Rail transportation is crucial for Laos since it does not have a port," Abdullah said. Laotian Prime Minister Khamtay Siphandone attended the bilateral talks.

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