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SINGAPORE WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH MALAYSIA

SINGAPORE, June 5 (Bernama) -- Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong says he wanted good relations with Malaysia, Radio Corporation of Singapore (RCS) reported today.

RCS quoted Goh as saying in parliament today that both countries had much to gain working together for mutual benefit.

To overcome differences, especially concerning Malayan Railway (KTM Bhd) lands in Singapore, Goh proposed a framework of wider cooperation between Singapore and Malaysia.

Goh made public the proposal which he made to his Malaysian counterpart Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last year.

The framework of wider cooperation proposal includes long term, indefinite supply of water to Singapore.

If this was agreed to, Goh said Singapore was prepared to vary the terms of the Points of Agreement (POA) to meet Malaysia's requirements and to invest in the Singapore sector of the infrastructure for the Malaysian proposed high speed electric train.

The POA, signed in 1990, is an internationally binding agreement entered into by both the Singapore and Malaysian governments concerning the railway lands in Singapore.

RCS said Foreign Minister S Jayakumar told parliament that Singapore was committed to establishing a long term relationship with Malaysia based on mutual respect and trust.

He said there was a lot at stake between both countries and that cooperation would benefit both sides. -- BERNAMA

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