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Solution can be found within us

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THE recent Asean summit has achieved some measure of success. It signals a new chapter in regional co-operation and trade.

Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's basketful of currencies is taking shape and definition. Thrown into this basket are the Asean currencies, the renminbi, the yen and the won.

This is most encouraging as the region has circumvented some of the problems of trading in terms of the greenback whose exchange rate has escalated to such dizzy heights.

An Asean solution has been found to an Asean problem.

Perhaps modern-day philosopher Chopra is right. If we think hard enough, the solution is to be found within us - not without.