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MAHATHIR HOLD TALKS WITH VIETNAMESE PREMIER

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Vietnamese counterpart Phan Van Khai held talks today that centered on the development of ties between the two countries amidst the current regional financial and economic crisis.

"Both leaders have noted the success in relations between the two countries," Vietnam's Foreign Minister Nguyen Manh Cam told reporters after the talks held on the sidelines of the Apec Summit here.

He said despite the current difficulties in the region, the two countries had developed special ties.

In resolving the difficulties, both leaders sought more information about the conditions in each other's country, he added.

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