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Anwar and Rubin discuss region's economic situation

KUALA LUMPUR, Sun - Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim today met United States Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin to discuss the region's economic situation.

Rubin arrived this evening for a two-day visit for talks with Malaysian leaders. Officials said the discussions centred on the regional currency problem and trade between the two countries.

Bank Negara Governor Tan Sri Ahmad Mohamed Don and US ambassador John Mallot were present during the half-hour discussion before a private dinner hosted by Anwar.

Also at the dinner were Special Functions Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tun Daim Zainuddin, Treasury secretary-general Datuk Dr Aris Othman, Securities Commission chairman Datuk Dr Munir Majid, RHB group chairman Tan Sri Rashid Hussain, Petronas chief executive Tan Sri Mohamed Hassan Marican and Institute of Strategic and International Studies chairman Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee.

Tomorrow, Anwar and Rubin are scheduled to attend a closed-door dialogue on "Responding To The Asian Crisis" organised by ISIS.

Rubin is also scheduled to call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad tomorrow and have a Press conference before leaving.

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