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ASEAN LEADERS HOLD CONSULTATION

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- Asean leaders here to attend the Asia-Pacific Cooperation (Apec) leaders summit is holding a consultation among themselves on the fringe of the summit.

The meeting started at about 11.15am.

Present at the meeting were the prime ministers of Asean Apec member economies namely Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad (Malaysia), Goh Chok Tong (Singapore), Phan Van Khai (Vietnam), Chuan Leekpai (Thailand), President B.J. Habibie (Indonesia), President Joseph Estrada (the Philippines) and Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah (Brunei).

Earlier, Dr Mahathir had a string of bilateral talks with several leaders including Phan, Chilean president Eduardo Frei Ruiz Tagle, Japanese prime minister Keizo Obuchi and New Zealand prime minister Jenny Shipley.

After the Asean leaders' consultation, the prime minister is expected to meet Habibie and Chinese President Jiang Zemin later in the day. --

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