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1. KUALA LUMPUR: US Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers says he has found recent measures taken by Malaysia in dealing with the economic problems to be "strong ones". page 1;
2. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad has called on Malaysians to tap their own and the country's potential and not entirely depend on foreign investors to restore confidence in the economy. page 1;
3. KUALA LUMPUR: The second meeting of the International Advisory Panel (IAP) for the Multimedia Media Super Corridor, scheduled on February 12-13, will see the participation of 13 additional members. page 1;
4. KUALA LUMPUR: In the first show in months of anything resembling exuberance, Asia's stock markets staged a spectacular rebound yesterday, taking heart from the overnight recovery on Wall Street and positive comments from International Monetary fund and US officials touring the region. page 1;
5. KUALA LUMPUR: The Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange (KLSE) has sent a letter to all stockbroking firms requesting for information on their exposure to Malaysians corporate personality Datuk Soh Chee Wen. page 1; --
6. KUALA LUMPUR: Bangkok has been asked to provide evidence on the allegations that Malaysia is being used as a training ground for the Thai rebel group, the Pattani United Liberation Organisation. page 2;
7. KUALA LUMPUR: The Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) Implementation Council will be deliberating the impact of the economic slowdown on the project next month. page 2;
8. KUALA LUMPUR: The Health Ministry's recent directive requiring toothpaste manufacturers to label products containing flouride has been deemed effective by the Consumers' Association of Penang. page 2;
9. KUALA LUMPUR: A company involving the participation of all the public institution of higher learning in multimedia development will be launch in March. page 2;
10. IPOH: Ipoh City will get a new mayor by February 1, Perak Menteri Besar Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib said yesterday. page 2; -- more
11. KUALA LUMPUR: Two government school teachers and a tuition teacher were charged in two session court yesterday with leaking two Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examination papers between November 21 and December 9 last year. page 2;
12. KUALA LUMPUR: Asian countries affected by the financial crisis should remain active players in the global capital market and not revert to having closed economies, an economist said. page 2;
13. KUALA LUMPUR: Malaysia is facing a critical shortage of pharmacists with not more than 2000 of the 2,493 registered pharmacists practising as at December 3 last year. page 3;
14. KUALA LUMPUR: Central banks in Asia have agreed to undertake joint research on the current economic problems with a view to devising possible measures to ensure the systemic health of the regional economy, Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim said yesterday. page 20;
15. KUALA LUMPUR: Regional economic and security experts are optimistic Asia will emerge from its current economic problems, chairman and chief executive officer of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia, Tan Sri Dr Noordin Sopiee, said yesterday. page 20;
16. KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad yesterday held a one-hour talk with US Congress Finance Committee chairman

William Roth on cooperation between Malaysia and the US to overcome the current economic crisis in South-East Asia. page 20;

17. KUALA LUMPUR: As far as the 30,000-strong National Union of Bank Employees (Nube) is concerned, Malaysian banks are as solid as ever and there is no reason whatsoever for customers to doubt the safety of their deposits. page 20; -- Bernama

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