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CHINA ALSO SEES NEED TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM CAPITAL

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 17 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and China are in agreement on the need to have proper regulation on short-term capital flows, Malaysia's International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz said today.

"There was agreement between leaders of the two countries that there should be a kind of necessary (currency trading) control," she told reporters after a Malaysia-China bilateral meeting here.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad held bilateral talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin on the sidelines of the Apec leaders summit which began here today.

Rafidah said Dr Mahathir explained to the Chinese leader Malaysia's economic measures to resolve the economic crisis and their positive impact.

She described the bilateral meeting as "good".

Rafidah said Jiang told Dr Mahathir about China's current economic performance and the country's expectation of an eight percent economic growth next year.

The Chinese leader also mentioned the problem of big floods in his country which had somewhat affected its economy.

Both leaders also discussed the role played by the Apec Business Advisory Council (Abac), she said.

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