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DAP WELCOMES MENDING OF FENCES BETWEEN MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- The DAP today welcomed the mending of fences between Malaysia and Singapore and calls for renewed international efforts for Malaysia to make friends rather than enemies in the international community.

Its secretary-general and opposition leader, Lim Kit Siang said, recently Malaysia seemed to be increasingly isolated in the regional and international arena which was not in the best interest of the nation in an era of globalisation.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad had held a meeting with his Singapore counterpart Goh Chong Tok in Sepang yesterday.

Both countries had agreed to set aside their differences and work towards improving bilateral relations.

After the meeting, Dr Mahathir said that the island republic could be of help to Malaysia especially in overcoming the present economic crisis by raising funds in Singapore for Malaysia's financial needs.

In a statement, Lim said although no time frame or figure had been given about the funds Malaysia expected to raise in Singapore, this was a welcome recognition that the country needed international investment and confidence to help it pull out of the economic crisis.

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