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Dr M to meet Goh in KL next week

PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Singapore Premier Mr Goh Chok Tong will meet in Kuala Lumpur next week to further discuss the region's economic situation and efforts to enhance intra-Asean trade and promote the use of regional currencies.

Goh will be making a two-day working visit to Malaysia beginning February 16.

The meeting, which will be the third in a month, will see the two premiers discussing Asia's financial problems. In addition, bilateral matters are also expected to feature prominently in the discussions, Wisma Putra said in a statement released in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

Dr Mahathir and Goh met in Johor on January 20 and again in Singapore on February 7 after Dr Mahathir's visits to Bangkok and Manila.

At the end of their latest talks, both Dr Mahathir and Goh had agreed on the need for a united front on the region's currency problems.

They also agreed on the use of their own currencies for the purpose of trade among the nine-member Association of South-East Asian Nations.

Goh will be accompanied by Foreign Minister S. Jayakumar, and a delegation comprising senior officials from the Prime Minister's office and Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the visit, which is at the invitation of Dr Mahathir.

During his stay, Goh will visit Cyberjaya, the Kuala Lumpur City Centre and the All-Asia Broadcast Centre (Astro).

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