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DR MAHATHIR HOLDS TALKS WITH OBUCHI

KUALA LUMPUR, May 4 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Japanese Foreign Minister Keizo Obuchi held talks here today focussing on efforts to pull the region out from its economic problem.

Foreign Ministry Undersecretary for East and South Asia Datuk Syed Norulzaman Syed Kamarulzaman said during the talks Dr Mahathir also gave his views on the currency turmoil which had affected the region.

"The message conveyed is that Japan would continue to support the region through their own stimulus package and would extend whatever assistance they could provide," he told reporters after the meeting at the Prime Minister's Department.

Japan had last week unveiled a new 16.6-trillion yen (US128 billion) stimulus package to revive its economy.

Obuchi arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday on the second leg of a three-nation Southeast Asian tour.

He had visited Thailand and departs for Singapore today.

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