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Japanese team meets Finance Ministry sec-gen

A JAPANESE fact-finding team on Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's financial aid package to Asia met Datuk Dr Aris Othman, secretary-general of the Finance Ministry, in Kuala Lumpur yesterday, Second Finance Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed said.

Speaking to reporters at the the opening of Taza Bar B Q chicken outlet in Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, yesterday, Mustapa said he did not know what was discussed at the meeting. The team had requested to meet Dr Aris.

"I am not involved in it," he said.

He added that the team did not meet him as the Miyazawa plan was coordinated by Special Functions Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin.

Mustapa said he was also unaware of a meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and foreign fund managers scheduled for next week.

A foreign Press report said the meeting was to seek the lifting of the one-year moratorium on foreign funds repatriation from Malaysia.

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