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Johor MB welcomes outcome of talks

JOHOR BARU, Fri. - Menteri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman has welcomed the understanding reached yesterday between Malaysia and Singapore that the two countries would not openly raise issues that could widen their differences.

He said this was a good sign that the two countries could concentrate on their efforts to revive their economies and give a good example of co-operation within Asean.

With this, Ghani said he hoped that pending issues between Malaysia and Singapore such as the supply of water by Johor to the republic could be resolved.

Ghani was commenting on the outcome of yesterday's meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his Singapore counterpart Goh Chok Tong in Kuala Lumpur.

He said this after launching the "Keluarga Sakinah" module at Kompleks Islam here today. The module, formulated by the Johor Religious Department, would be implemented by the State Government's Family Development Foundation to create a stronger family institution.

Meanwhile, the DAP in welcoming the move called for renewed efforts by Malaysia to make friends rather than enemies in the international community.

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