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MAHATHIR AND LUONG HOLD BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

KUALA LUMPUR, March 16 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad said today Vietnam has agreed to the promotion of intra-Asean trade using their own currencies.

He said this was expressed by Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong at their meeting.

Luong had also requested him to explain the economic crisis faced by Malaysia and other Asean countries, he told reporters after calling on Luong at his hotel.

Dr Mahathir and Luong also discussed the Asean summit to be held in Hanoi, the Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (Apec) forum.

Luong arrived here this afternoon for a three-day visit. -- BERNAMA
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