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NO SUCH STATEMENT BY KUAN YEW, SAYS S'PORE MISSION

KUALA LUMPUR, June 23 (Bernama) -- Singapore High Commissioner to Malaysia K. Kesavapany today clarified that the republic's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew had not said that it would take five years for Malaysia to recover from its economic crisis.

"The Senior Minister's attention has been drawn to the comment on Mr Lee made by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad after the Umno general assembly," he said in a statement here.

"The press quoted Mr Lee as having said that it would take Malaysia five years to recover from its economic crisis.

"Mr Lee has not made any such statement. He is not responsible for any inaccurate reporting in the press," said Kesavapany.

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