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WORLD BANK CHIEF MEETS DR MAHATHIR

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 3 (Bernama) -- World Bank president James Wolfensohn met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad today to discuss the impact of the Asian financial crisis on Malaysia.

Wolfensohn, who arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit, held the talks with Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's Department, here.

The World Bank chief is in Malaysia on the third leg of his week-long tour of six East Asian nations aimed at assessing the impact of Asia's economic crisis and offering support for financial, social and governmental reforms.

He has visited Singapore and Thailand. He will also visit Indonesia, the Philippines and South Korea.

In Singapore yesterday, Wolfensohn told reporters that the programmes undertaken by Malaysia to deal with the country's current financial and economic problems had been effective and that Malaysia had the capacity to deal with the crisis which had also rocked several other Asian countries.

Wolfensohn is scheduled to hold a news conference later today.

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