

Fund managers to discuss controls with PM

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MALAYSIA'S capital controls are expected to be discussed in a meeting between Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and foreign fund managers next week, a government official said yesterday.

"There will be an exchange of ideas. Capital controls will be discussed," the official said, adding that 20 foreign fund managers along with First Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin would attend the meeting

on Monday. Mahathir met foreign fund managers late last year following the imposition of the controls in September.

Analysts say the meeting could provide fresh leads for the bourse,

which is only just starting to attract foreign buying interest.

Daim indicated recently that the government may announce a nominal exit tax on the proceeds of sales of securities to replace the one-year wait-

ing period imposed in September.

Other measures announced in September included a fixed exchange rate and ending the external convertibility of the local currency. — AFP