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INDONESIAN PRESIDENT ABDURRAHMAN VISITS SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid who is on a familiarization visit of Asean countries made his first stop here today, his first overseas trip since his election last month.

President Abdurrahman or popularly known as Gus Dur was welcomed at the Istana by his Singapore counterpart S.R.Nathan.

The two leaders met for half-an-hour after which the Indonesian president called on Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong.

He was accompanied by Foreign Minister Alwi Shihab, State Secretary Ali Rahman and senior officials.

In his brief visit, Abdurrahman who was elected President of Indonesia on Oct 20 is scheduled to speak to about 500 local and international businessmen on his strategy for the economic recovery in Indonesia.

The new Indonesian government has clearly stated its priority to put the economy back on track by winning back the confidence of foreign investors.

Abdurrahman will leave for Kuala Lumpur in the evening.

In the Malaysian capital, Abdurrahman will hold talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and call on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah at Istana Negara.

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