

PM: Daim and I do have differences

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KUALA LUMPUR, Sat: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mahathir Mohamad today admitted that he does not see eye to eye with Finance Minister Tun Daim Zainuddin all the time.

"I have to admit we don't see eye to eye always but, in the end, we have always reached an agreement which has worked for the country when he was the Finance Minister previously and now," he said.

He said he and Daim have, on occasion, been at loggerheads but as always, they have managed to reach a compromise.

"Daim can't agree with all

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the things I want to do and I can't agree with all the things he wants to do, but we reach a consensus in the end," he said after opening the MIC's 54th General Assembly held at the Putra World Trade Centre here.

On the appointment of Hank Negara governor Datuk Dr Zeti Akhtar Aziz, he said there were several candidates for the post and Zeti was appointed with the consent of the Finance Minister.

He said this in response to an article in the *Asian Wall*

Street Journal alleging that Mahathir and Daim had clashed over the appointment.

"I had a frank discussion with him (Daim) on who should be the most suitable candidate and he agreed. I did not do it against his wishes," he said.

When asked about rumours of a change of Umno's treasurer-general, a post currently held by Daim, Mahathir said it is something new to him and he did not know about it.