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Mahathir-Breakfast

DR MAHATHIR AND GUS DUR CHIT-CHAT OVER BREAKFAST

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SINGAPORE, Nov 25 (Bernama) -- Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad held a breakfast meeting with Indonesian President Abdurrahman Wahid on the sideline of the Fourth Asean Informal Summit, here, today.

The prime minister was accompanied by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Rafidah Aziz and other Malaysian officials.

The Indonesian leader was accompanied by Foreign Minister Alwi Shihab and other Indonesian officials.

The leaders discussed the further enhancing of relations and exchange of ideas on various matters of interest to both countries.

The two leaders are here to join their eight other Asean counterparts for the Summit, yesterday.

The Asean bloc is having separate meetings with the individual Summit dialogue partners, China, Japan and South Korea this morning.

Syed Hamid, later briefing the Malaysian media, said the Indonesian president had requested Malaysia's expertise in various fields to help develop the country.

"Malaysia has vast expertise in which Indonesia is lacking and the Indonesian president wants us to send consultants and conduct seminars on various fields that can be of help to them," he said.

He said the Indonesian president felt Malaysia's development model had proven its success and Indonesia wanted to gain such expertise from Malaysia.

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