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Our economic experts to help Indonesia

MALAYSIA will send economic experts to Indonesia to assist in the development of this Asean country worst hit by the 1997 regional financial crisis.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad gave this undertaking to President Abdurrahman Wahid during a bilateral talk at the 4th Asean Informal Summit yesterday morning.

Briefing journalists, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar said the Malaysian experts would conduct seminars and talks and organise training programmes to assist the people of Indonesia in various fields.

During the 30-minute meeting, Dr Mahathir and Abdurrahman also discussed efforts and ways to strengthen bilateral ties.

Both countries were affected by the regional crisis but despite international aid, Indonesia's economic recovery has been slow. On the other hand, Malaysia which had refused IMF assistance during the crisis, has started to perform as it did before the crisis.

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