

Do more to improve ties: Backbenchers

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KUALA LUMPUR, Tues: The media, non-governmental organisations and other institutions should also be active in promoting bilateral relations between Malaysia and Singapore.

Backbenchers Club (BBC) chairman Datuk Jamaluddin Jarjis said such tasks should not be left to the two governments only.

Jamaluddin was speaking to reporters after holding a 90-minute meeting with Singapore senior minister Lee Kuan Yew.

"Bilateral ties should also be conducted at second generation-level such as through visits and exchange programmes of leaders? MPs and also students.

"The BBC will make some proposals on such programmes and forward it to the government," Jamaluddin said.

Lee also expressed his support on the bilateral ties cultivated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad that requires exchange of opinions between leaders from the two countries, Jamaluddin said.

He added that his discussion with Lee also emphasised on inculcating the Asean spirit in the two countries as well as developing the South East Asia region.

"We also exchanged views on the impact of

China's economic growth in Malaysia and Singapore," he said.

Other MPs that attended the meeting included Mohd Zin Mohamad (Shah Alam), Datuk Mohd Zahid Hamidi (Bagan Datok), Ng Lip Yong (Batu), Chew Mei

Fun (Petaling Jaya Utara), Datuk Wan Junaidi Tuan-ku Jaafar (Batang Lepar), Mohd Senit Yusoh (Temerloh), Philip Lasimbang (Penampang) and Henry Sum Agohg (Bukit Mas).

Also present were MPs from Singapore.