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Mahathir, Jiang to discuss bilateral ties

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BOAO: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will meet Chinese President Jiang Zemin today ahead of the Boao Forum For Asia, which begins here tomorrow.

An official said the two leaders were expected to discuss bilateral ties between the two countries and current issues facing the region and the world.

"The meeting is a continuation of the frank discussions established by the two leaders," she said yesterday.

Boao is a small town on Hainan Island. The capital of the island is Haikou, roughly the size of Pahang.

Dr Mahathir will deliver a keynote address at the forum tomorrow.

"His speech is widely anticipated by the participants and organisers who look forward to hearing the views of one of Asia's most outstanding leaders," said the official.