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MAHATHIR MEETS JIANG ZEMIN FOR BILATERAL TALKS

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BOAO (Hainan), Feb 26 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad held bilateral talks with Chinese President Jiang Zemin here today.

No details on their talks were released by officials here.

Dr Mahathir arrived at Haikou Airport with his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, at about 4pm today. They were met by Malaysian embassy officials.

Dr Mahathir met the Chinese leader at about 6.30pm and later attended a dinner hosted by the Hainan provincial government at the Boao Gold Coast Hot Spring Hotel.

The Malaysian leader will deliver a keynote address at the inauguration of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) here tomorrow.

Dr Mahathir will hold a news conference after delivering his speech and will leave for home at 1.30pm.

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