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VATICAN CITY MEETING A BOOST TO MAHATHIR'S IMAGE

SEPANG, June 8 (Bernama) -- The meeting between Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Pope John Paul II yesterday was a historic occasion which has enhanced Dr Mahathir's international standing, MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik said today.

He said the Prime Minister's meeting with the Head of the Roman Catholic Church at the Vatican City was further proof that Dr Mahathir was a respected and progressive Muslim leader.

"The meeting was a historic opportunity and the Prime Minister, who is known for his moderate and progressive stand, had been well received," he told reporters at the Selangor MCA Convention here.

Dr Mahathir and the Pope exchanged views on various issues, including the Palestine-Israel conflict.

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