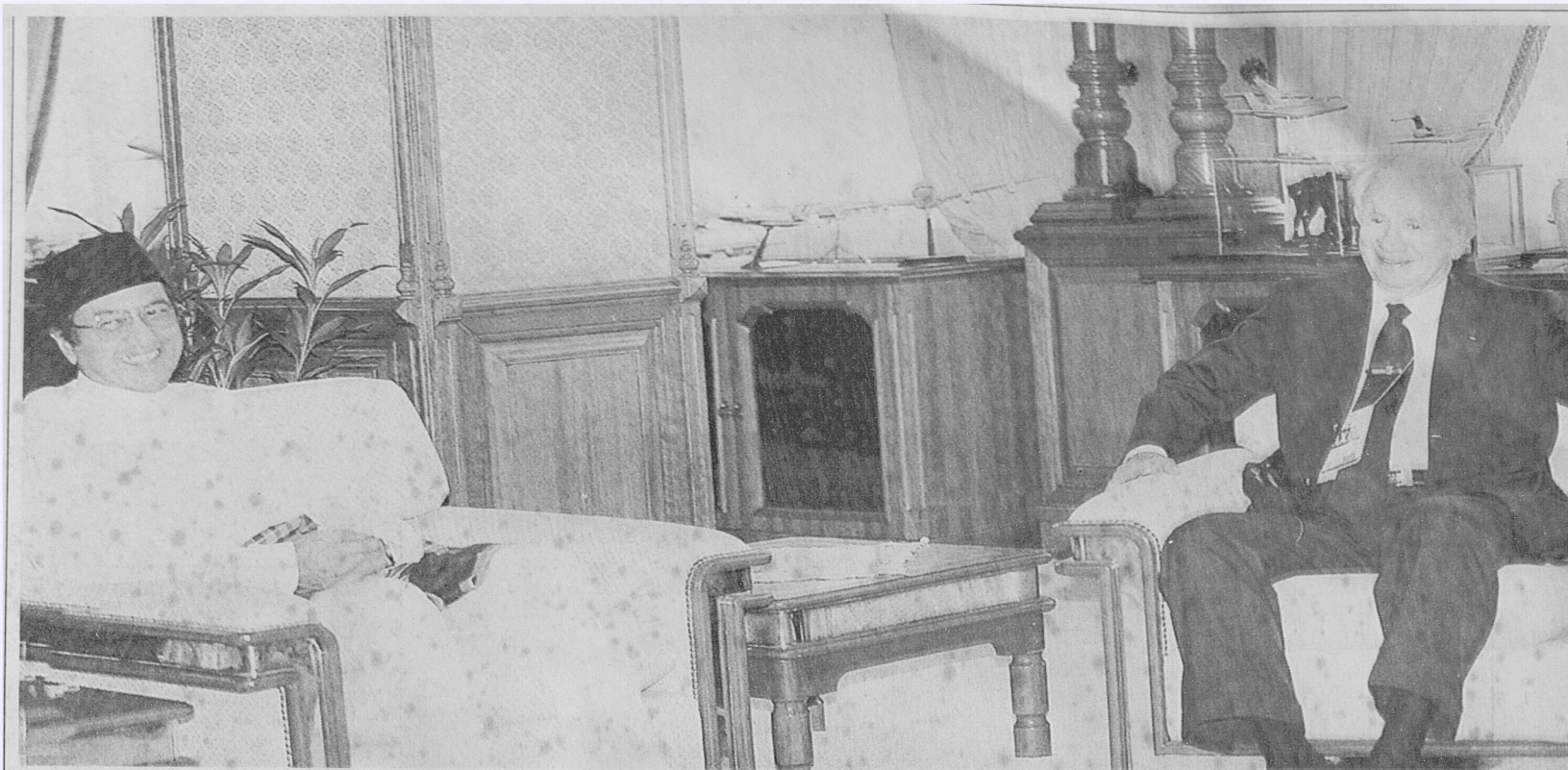




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SPORTS TALK ... Dr Mahathir in a light moment with Samaranch when the latter called on him at his office yesterday. —

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Melbourne hopes to provide same standard of facilities

KUALA LUMPUR, Fri. — Melbourne, which is bidding to host the 18th Commonwealth Games in 2006, hopes it can provide the same standard of facilities as Kuala Lumpur is offering.

Victoria's Premier Jeff

Kennet said he was most impressed with the facilities at the Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil and was confident that the 16th Commonwealth Games participants would be very happy with the facilities.

"I am also very im-

pressed with the Kuala Lumpur International Airport which architectural design can be appreciated as a form of art," he said after calling on the Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the latter's office today.

Kennet said he had expressed to Dr Mahathir Victoria's willingness to enhance its co-operation with Malaysia especially in the fields of education and investment.

He said Victoria was also interested in participating

in the Multimedia Super Corridor and was keen on venturing into the service sector industry here.

Later, International Olympic Committee president Juan Antonio Samaranch also called on Dr Mahathir. — Bernama