

Singapore, Malaysia Reaffirm Excellent Bilateral Ties

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SINGAPORE, Oct 29 (Bernama) -- Malaysia and Singapore have reaffirmed their excellent bilateral relations.

This affirmation was made during a meeting between the republic's Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Vivian Balakrishnan and Malaysia's Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in Kuala Lumpur today.

Balakrishnan, who is currently in Malaysia for a two-day introductory visit called on Najib at Parliament House this morning.

In a statement released by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here said, they welcomed the continued close cooperation between both countries and the good progress that has been made on several bilateral projects, including the KL-Singapore High Speed Rail and Rapid Transit System.

Balakrishnan also met his counterpart, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman.

He commended Malaysia on its able chairmanship of ASEAN and expressed Singapore's commitment to work closely with Malaysia to achieve a successful ASEAN Summit next month.

They exchanged views on the latest developments, including the need to cooperate in the fight against terrorism, regional security issues and transboundary haze.

Balakrishnan also met other Malaysian Cabinet ministers including Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Azalina Othman.

He also met Youth and Sports Minister Khairy Jamaluddin, during which they agreed it was important to develop closer ties between the younger generation of leaders and youths from both countries.

Balakrishnan will return to Singapore on Friday.

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