

Loke : Azmin met S'pore officials on HSR

SEREMBAN : Economic Affairs Minister Datuk Seri Azmin Ali met representatives of the Singapore government yesterday to discuss the Kuala Lumpur – Singapore High-Speed Rail (HSR) project. Transport Minister Anthony Loke Siew Fook said the meeting, which began at noon, was held to resolve issues related to the project. "I'm not sure what (transpired, but the meeting was) on the direction of HSR and how to resolve (sticking points) "(Azmin) will present a report on the discussion to the cabinet next week," he said after launching the Jalur Gemilang 2018 Campaign in Taman Pulau Impian here. The Singapore government accepted an invitation by Azmin for discussion on HSR in a letter he sent on July 23.

On another development, Loke said his ministry was looking into establishing an advisory council on shipping and port –related matters, as the maritime industry was a major contributor to the country's economy. He said representatives of shipping and port companies, private sectors business leaders and stakeholders would hold regular meetings on issues related to the maritime industry. "(Malaysia) is maritime country and enjoys a strategic position near the straits of Malacca, which is an important shipping route."Therefore, we must take the opportunity to ensure that the country continues to benefit from the maritime sector." Earlier, Loke said ministry would soon activate the advisory council to oversee maritime policies, regulations and institutions to ensure a promising future for the industry.

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