



Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin (centre) with Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan and the head of Singapore's Civil Service, Peter Ong (right), at the Joint Seminar Programme and Games for Malaysia and Singapore Public Sector Leaders 2011 in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. — NST picture by Mohd Fali Hamzah

Muhyiddin tells Perkasa not to jump the gun

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KUALA LUMPUR: Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said Perkasa should not "jump the gun" on the meeting between three Malaysian personalities with Singapore's top politicians two months ago.

He said Malaysians often held meetings with representatives of Singapore ministries and the People's Action Party to discuss bilateral matters or improve business ties.

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"Meetings between Malaysian politicians and businessmen with PAP politicians are a norm," he told a press conference yesterday.

He was commenting on claims by Perkasa information chief Ruslan Kasim about a dinner meeting between businessman Datuk Seri Kalimullah Hassan, Penang Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng and several senior PAP leaders.

Ruslan also claimed that a member of Malaysia Airlines board of directors, Datuk Mohamad Azman Yahya, was aware of a secret meet-

ing that took place during the dinner.

Azman, however, has denied any knowledge of the meeting.

Muhyiddin said: "As a Barisan Nasional representative, I often meet PAP representatives to discuss various issues.

"But I do not know if Lim had met the ministers in his capacity as chief minister. Other BN chief ministers also meet PAP leaders in that capacity. They could have met to discuss about business. Let's not jump the gun."