



ICRC President Visits Singapore

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Peter Maurer completed his first official visit to Singapore Wednesday where he met with senior ministers including the Prime Minister and officials of the Singapore Red Cross Society.

According to a statement issued by the ICRC, the president's discussions with Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong centred on the humanitarian situation in the region, particularly the thousands of lives disrupted by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the ICRC's response.

The discussions also touched on future challenges such as those presented by the emergence of new technologies of warfare.

Maurer also spoke at a public event organised by the Singapore Red Cross and the Centre for International Law at the National University of Singapore, where he offered the ICRC's vision of the evolving humanitarian landscape.

"Singapore has assumed an increasingly important role in humanitarian matters in Southeast Asia and beyond. It is an important ally in addressing the humanitarian challenges of tomorrow,"

Maurer was quoted as saying in the statement.

During his visit the ICRC President also had meetings with Singapore's Minister of Law and Foreign Affairs K Shanmugam and Minister for Social and Family Development and Second Minister for Defence Chan Chun Sing.

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