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First ladies treated to a show of our culture

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed.- Five first ladies attending the Regional Steering Committee meeting on the Economic Advancement of Rural And Island Women for Asia Pacific today took time off to visit the Craft Cultural Complex at Jalan Conlay here.

The five were Usha Narayanan of India, Mairam Akaeva of Kyrgyzstan, Shurensetseg Erenjavyn of Mongolia, Vo Thi Le of Vietnam and committee chairman, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

They were welcomed on arrival by Entrepreneur Development Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamed and National Unity and Social Development Minister Datin Paduka Zaleha Ismail.

The ladies were treated to a fashion show of Malaysian traditional and modern batik and an introduction to local handicrafts.

Also present were six special envoys from China, Kazakhstan, Maldives, Phillipines, Tonga and Uzbekhistan.

The four-day meeting, opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Monday, ends tomorrow.

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