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Macedonian President arrives for visit

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. - Macedonian president Dr Kiro Gligorov and his wife Nada, arrived here for a four-day official visit to boost bilateral political and economic relations.

The 46-member delegation comprising ministers, senior government officials and businessmen, arrived at the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah International Airport in Subang at 11.15am.

They were greeted by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

An official welcoming ceremony was held at the Parliament House at 4pm where Gligorov and his entourage were met by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali as well as Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers.

Gligorov inspected a downscaled guard-of-honour due to the afternoon showers mounted by four officers and 31 of other ranks from the First Battalion Royal Malay Regiment.

Later, Dr Mahathir paid a courtesy call on Gligorov at his hotel.

Gligorov and his delegates were also hosted to a State banquet at Istana Negara at night.

Tomorrow, he will call on Dr Mahathir at the Prime Minister's office before attending a luncheon hosted by the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

He will also attend an Economic Planning Unit briefing in the afternoon.

On Wednesday, Gligorov will attend a briefing by the Selangor Development Corporation. He will also visit the Proton plant in Shah Alam and the Petronas twin towers.

He will then pay a farewell visit to Tuanku Ja'afar before leaving on Thursday.

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