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AGONG WELCOMES SWAZILAND KING

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 12 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Ja'afar and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Najihah today received King Mswati III and Queen Inkhosikati LaNgangaza of Swaziland at an official welcoming ceremony at Parliament Square here.

King Mswati arrived yesterday for a three-day state visit.

A customary 21-gun salute greeted his majesty at Parliament Square followed by the rendition of national anthems of both countries by the Central Band of the Royal Malay Regiment.

King Mswati inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 107 officers and men of the first battalion of the regiment commanded by Maj Romainor Mohamed.

His majesty was then introduced to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and members of the Cabinet.

King Mswati is scheduled to grant Dr Mahathir an audience at noon before proceeding to bilateral talks with the prime minister at the Prime Minister's Department here.

A state banquet in King Mswati's honour will be held at Istana Negara tonight.

While here, King Mswati will visit the world's tallest building, the Petronas Twin Towers, the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) and agricultural agencies.

The MSC is a 750-sq-km zone south of here designated as the hub for the development of multimedia products and services.

He is also scheduled to visit Melaka.

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