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Queen-Arriva

QUEEN ELIZABETH ARRIVES FOR FOUR-DAY STATE VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 20 (Bernama) -- Britain's Queen Elizabeth II arrived here today for a four-day state visit.

The queen was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Robin Cook.

This is the queen's first visit to Malaysia since 1989 when Kuala Lumpur hosted the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM).

The royal couple was met on arrival at the Bunga Raya complex of KL International Airport (KLIA) in Sepang, near here, by Education Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, who is the minister-in-attendance, and Human Resources Minister Datuk Lim Ah Lek, who is the minister-in-attendance for the Duke of Edinburgh.

They are the first users of the newly-completed RM80 million VVIP complex.

They are scheduled to attend a church service in St Mary's Anglican Cathedral and to meet the Commonwealth Games gold medallists at Carcosa Seri Negara later today.

A welcoming ceremony will be held for the queen at Parliament Square tomorrow morning.

She will meet Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad before touring the International Zone and the National Stadium at the National Sports Complex in Bukit Jalil, where she will officially close the Games.

The queen is also scheduled to open an exhibition at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC) and visit a British/Malaysian education establishment, a centre for disadvantaged children and a centre for blind people.

The Duke of Edinburgh will have separate engagements including a meeting with key players in Malaysia's financial services sector and a visit to Cyberjaya for a briefing on the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC).

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