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AGONG AND RAJA PERMAISURI VISIT PUTRAJAYA

PUTRAJAYA, July 13 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah today visited the federal government administrative centre here.

They were met on arrival by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali.

The royal visitors were given a tour of the Prime Minister's Office complex where they also signed the Visitors' Book.

Later, accompanied by Dr Mahathir and Dr Siti Hasmah, they visited the pink-dome Putra Mosque which faces a man-made lake. The mosque can accommodate more than 10,000 faithfuls.

Putrajaya, covering 4,581 hectares, is located within the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), a specially-zone 15km by 40km region south of Kuala Lumpur.

The royal couple was also briefed on the development progress of Putrajaya by Chief Executive Officer of Putrajaya Holdings Sdn Bhd, Datuk Mohamad Hashim Hassan.

Sultan Salahuddin was impressed with the Putrajaya project. He told reporters later that the project was not a waste of funds and believed that it would be remembered by the people in many years to come.

He said Putrajaya could also help to reduce traffic congestion and population density in Kuala Lumpur.

He congratulated Dr Mahathir for implementing the project which would also benefit Selangor.

Sultan Salahuddin was also glad to note that local materials were in the development of Putrajaya including the Putra Mosque.

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