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EARL, COUNTESS OF WESSEX VISIT HELI-ASIA 2000 EXHIBITION

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 25 (Bernama) -- Britain's Earl and Countess of Wessex today visited the Heli-Asia 2000 exhibition at the Mines Exhibition and Conference Centre at Seri Kembangan near here.

The royal couple, here on a four-day official visit spent about 30 minutes touring the exhibition.

On arrival at the centre, Prince Edward and Countess Sophie Rhys-Jones were ushered to the Airod Sdn Bhd booth where they were briefed on the Malaysian aviation industry by Aerospace Industries of Malaysia Chairman Lt-Jen (Rtd) Datuk Seri Yunus Tasi.

The couple also stopped at several booths including those of the BAE Systems, Central Flying School (Helicopter) Squadron from the United Kingdom, MHS Aviation Sdn Bhd and the Royal Malaysian Air Force.

They are scheduled to leave for Brunei this evening.

During their stay here, they called on the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah and also met Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

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