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PRINCE SULTAN CONFERRED AWARD WITH THE TITILE "TUN"

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 26 (Bernama) -- Saudi Arabia's Second Deputy Prime Minister Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud was today conferred the honorary Seri Maharaja Mangku Negara (SMN) award by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah at the Istana Negara, here.

The award, carrying the title "Tun", is the nation's first class award. It is normally restricted to 25 people not including foreign dignitaries who are honorary recipients.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong personally presented the award when Prince Sultan, who arrived here on Tuesday for an eight-day visit, called on him.

The visit of Prince Sultan, who is accompanied by a 164-member delegation including four Saudi princes and three senior ministers, is at the invitation of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

Also present at the ceremony was Rural Development Minister Datuk Azmi Khalid who is acting Foreign Minister.

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