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BRUNEI SULTAN LEAVES FOR HOME AFTER 3-DAY VISIT

KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 3 (Bernama) -- Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei Darussalam left for home today after a three-day visit during which he held his fifth annual round of talks with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

The royal jetliner departed from the Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport in Subang at 11.30am for Bandar Seri Begawan.

He was seen off by Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar and Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Hishammuddin Hussein, the Minister-in-Attendance.

The Sultan was accompanied by his consorts Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Saleha and Pengiran Isteri Mariam, several members of the royal household, his Personal Adviser Pehin Awang Isa and Education Minister Pehin Abdul Aziz.

During the talks between the Sultan and the Prime Minister, Malaysia agreed to Brunei's request to open consulates in Kuching, Miri and Kota Kinabalu.

The Sultan of Brunei was also conferred an honorary doctorate in Political Science by the International Islamic University (IIU) yesterday.

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