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LANGKAWI, Sept 27 (Bernama) -- Visiting Myanmar leader, State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior Gen Than Shwe left for Yangon today after a two-day visit to the legendary island.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Syed Razak Syed Zain, Deputy Transport Minister Tan Sri Ramli Ngah Talib, who is minister-in-attendance, and local dignitaries were present at the Langkawi International Airport to bid farewell to Than Shwe and his wife, Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Than Shwe, who arrived here yesterday, was in Malaysia for a three-day visit.

The trip was to reciprocate the visit by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad to Myanmar last January.

While in Kuala Lumpur, he met Dr Mahathir for discussion on bilateral and regional issues.

In Langkawi, he attended a dinner hosted in his honour by the Menteri Besar at the Andaman Hotel in Teluk Datai last night.

Today, the Myanmar leader and his delegation attended a briefing on Langkawi's development by Langkawi Development Authority (Lada) general manager Datuk Zainal Karib Abdul Rahim at the Lada complex here.

Than Shwe ended his visit by visiting Galeria Perdana, a complex where souvenirs received by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad during his overseas trips are displayed.

Accompanied by his wife, Than Shwe spent about 30 minutes at the gallery which showcases more than 2,500 memorabilia including handmade handicrafts and silverware.

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