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Limkokwing plays host to Duchess

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A PATRON of music, fashion and art, the Duchess of Gloucester visited the Limkokwing Institute as part of her three-day programme which included an audience with the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, and a visit to Putrajaya with her husband The Duke, to pay a courtesy call on Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

During the visit, the Duchess was greeted by a rousing kompang welcome and hundreds of Limkokwing students from more than 30 countries, all dressed in their national costumes.

It was to add the cultural ingredient to the royal visit - especially when the Dikir Barat and traditional dancing comprising the different traditional elements of our Chinese, Indian and Malay heritage were introduced. The Duchess was very gracious as she stopped to speak with the students who lined up to explain their display - from packaging design to architectural modelling to fashion drawings.

Proudly, the students basked in their two minutes of fame, as the Duchess asked questions and showed an interest in their creative displays.

Obviously quite taken up by the number of people who had shown up to greet her, the Duchess waved and was delighted when she received souvenirs of Malaysian batik and songket.

Limkokwing's very own experimental band, E-tribe, was on hand to play a medley of English tunes such as 'All you need is love' by the Beatles and local traditional music.

During tea with Limkokwing's president Tan Sri Lim Kok Wing, the Duchess was fascinated with the art pieces as the Duchess noticed most of them had wings! She was particularly fascinated with a huge bug-like contraption made of scrap metal, entitled Terror designed by one of Limkokwing's students.

Students at the Limkokwing Institute have played host to many VIPs the past several months, but none as charming and gracious as The Duchess of Gloucester. By the chirping and humming in the corridors, one could certainly tell that the student-hosts were completely disarmed by their royal visitor.

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