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YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG ATTENDS ROYAL BANQUET

KUALA LUMPUR, April 26 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid tonight attended a royal banquet at the Istana Negara here.

The banquet, held in conjunction with his installation at the 12th Yang di-Pertuan Agong yesterday, was also attended by the Malay Rulers and Sultan Hassanah Bolkiah of Brunei.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, cabinet ministers, foreign diplomats and senior government officers.

Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin, 58, succeeds the late Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah who died on Nov 21 last year.

Earlier in the day, the King and Queen entertained some 1,000 children from 50 schools here and in Selangor to a tea at a hotel in Seri Kembangan.

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