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NAM FIRST LADIES VISIT KL LANDMARKS

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb 25 (Bernama) -- Fourteen spouses of heads of state and government and delegates to the 13th Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Summit were today taken on a tour of major tourist attractions here.

The delegation visited the National Art Gallery; Istana Budaya; the Petronas Twin Towers, the world's tallest building; and Suria KLCC.

The visitors included those from Mongolia, Trinidad and Tobago, Nepal, Mali, Pakistan, Congo and Gabon.

Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohamed Ali, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, and Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, the wife of the Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, also joined the trip.

Their first stop was the National Art Gallery, where the spouses watched a Nyonya Kebaya exhibition showcasing Endon's kebaya collection.

They were fascinated with the intricate embroidery of the kebaya, which is a hallmark of the nyonya wear.

The dignitaries were hosted to a reception there by Datin Paduka Suraya Mohd Noah, the wife of Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

The spouses then headed to Istana Budaya, where they were treated to a musical performance.

The presentation, entitled "Light of the Nation's Future", featured the Saad Foundation Orchestra, Tunas Budaya and Swatari.

After that, they toured the Petronas Twin Towers and then went shopping at the adjoining Suria KLCC.

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