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'Datuk Seri Utama' title for Jeanne

MALACCA: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad's wife Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah has been conferred the Darjah Utama Negeri Melaka, which carries the title Datuk Seri Utama.

Jeanne was awarded the title by Malacca Governor Tun Mohd Khalil Yaakob in a ceremony at Seri Negeri here yesterday witnessed by more than 500 dignitaries, including Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam and his wife Datin Seri Asmah Abdul Rahman.

Looking resplendent in a turquoise baju kurung with matching bead earrings and necklace, Jeanne looked calm and poised as

she received the title from Mohd Khalil.

Her elegance and radiant smile matched that of the Prime Minister as he congratulated her after she returned to her seat next to him.

Jeanne was in the spotlight of photographers at the Dewan Ketua Menteri where the ceremony was held. As the couple left the hall, hundreds of well-wishers gathered around, hoping to get a glimpse or shake hands with Jeanne, who was on her first visit to the state after marrying Abdullah early this month.

Later, at 8pm, the couple were treated to a dinner at the governor's residence at Istana Melaka.