

# Jeanne takes First Lady role in her stride

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**BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN:** Malaysia's newly-married Prime Minister and his wife began their first official assignment together and first overseas visit, looking radiant and elegant.

Datin Seri Jeanne Abdullah looked graceful in her white floral *baju kurung* as she confidently shook hands with waiting dignitaries upon arriving here at 5pm yesterday.

With Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi by her side, Jeanne fitted in naturally, smiling broadly as her proud husband looked on.

They are here to attend a banquet hosted by Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah of Brunei in conjunction with the wedding of the Sultan's fourth daughter.

This is Jeanne's first official duty and public appearance after

her marriage to Pak Lah on Saturday.

The Prime Minister and wife are among a host of dignitaries who are here for the ceremony to celebrate the marriage of Princess Hajah Majeedah Nuurul Bulqiah and Pengiran Khairul Khalil Pengiran Syed Haji Jaafari.

Pak Lah was in a jovial mood as the couple alighted from their aircraft after touching down at the Brunei International Airport.

Kelvin Loh, a technical assistant from Kuala Lumpur who is working at an engineering firm here, said he would love to be able to meet and congratulate the couple if he had a chance.

"She looks very natural despite having to take on such a high-profile public role. She radiates a lot of qualities found in the late Datin Seri Endon, very friendly looking," he said.

The couple will leave for Kuala Lumpur today.