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Official welcome for Australian governor-general

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PUTRAJAYA: Governor-General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Rtd) and his wife, Lady Lynne Cosgrove, were accorded an official welcome at Perdana Square here yesterday, in conjunction with their five-day visit to Malaysia.

The couple were greeted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Chief Secretary to the Government Tan Sri Dr Ali Hamsa and other ministers.

The national anthems of both nations were played by the First Bat-

talion of the Royal Malay Regiment.

Sir Peter then inspected a guard of honour, mounted by the battalion's 106 officers and men.

Later, the couple left the Perdana Putra complex to attend events in Kuala Lumpur, including a visit to Australia International School Malaysia and the Monash University Malaysia campus in Bandar Sunway.

A Wisma Putra statement said the visit cemented long-standing ties between Malaysia and Australia, and signified the depth and breadth of the cooperation between the nations.