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# Myanmar leader begins two-day visit to Malaysia

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**CLOSED-DOOR MEETING:** Najib and Thein Sein to discuss bilateral cooperation, regional issues

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Myanmar President U Thein Sein with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah at Parliament Square yesterday. Pic by Aizuddin Saad

**M**YANMAR President U Thein Sein, who is on a two-day maiden visit to Malaysia, was accorded a state welcoming ceremony at Parliament Square, here, yesterday.

Thein Sein, accompanied by his wife Daw Khin Khin Win, was greeted upon arrival at 4.50pm by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Others present included Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Paul Low Seng Kuan.

Thein Sein, who became president of Myanmar in 2011, inspected a guard of honour mounted by 103 officers and men from the First Battalion Royal Malay Regiment after the national anthems of both countries were played. A 21-gun salute was fired.

Myanmar is Malaysia's 38th largest trading partner globally and seventh largest in the Asean region.

Trade between the two countries totalled some RM3.18 billion last year.

Later, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong received a courtesy call from Thein Sein at Istana Negara here.

The Myanmar leader and his wife were feted to dinner at Dewan Santapan Kecil.

Tomorrow, he is scheduled to

attend a closed-door meeting with Najib, followed by a delegation meeting which is expected to discuss the latest developments in bilateral cooperation between Malaysia and Myanmar and exchange views on regional issues.