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Najib leaves for home after successful visit

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BEIJING: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak left for home yesterday after a highly successful visit that has taken Malaysia-China relations to even greater heights.

The plane carrying Najib and his wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, left the Beijing Capital International Airport at 10.20am.

The high-level visit, at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Li

Keqiang, is Najib's third official visit to China since 2009.

Najib had made a working visit in March last year to attend the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) in Hainan.

The most prominent achievement of his trip this time around was witnessing the signing of 14 agreements on several iconic and mega projects to the tune of RM143 billion between Malaysian and Chinese companies

that will contribute to Malaysia's socio-economic growth.

Najib also witnessed the signing of 14 memorandums of understanding (MoUs) related to defence, economy, agriculture, education, finance and the construction sector between the two governments.

The prime minister, accompanied by the Prime Minister's Special Envoy to China Tan Sri Ong Ka Ting

and 10 cabinet ministers, including Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman, and International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed, had back-to-back meetings and functions.

Besides a delegation meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping and bilateral meeting with Li, Najib also met 33 of China's captains of industry.

His meeting with China's Internet

tycoon Jack Ma was sealed with the latter's appointment as Malaysia's digital economy adviser, to assist Malaysia in spearheading the country's move towards a digital economy.

China was Malaysia's largest trading partner last year, a position maintained since 2009. Total bilateral trade last year was US\$100 billion (RM421 billion). **Bernama**