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Apec fashion through the years

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LIMA: For more than two decades, the Apec summit is renowned for staging unique photoshoots with its 21 leaders donning the host country's national garment.

In 1994 for example, then prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad was photographed with United States president Bill Clinton and host Indonesian president Suharto wearing batik shirts.

At the 1997 Apec Summit in Canada, Chinese president Jiang Zemin and other leaders wore leather bomber jackets, while in South Korea in 2005, Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and his peers wore hanboks.

And, many may remember the pineapple shirts (actually embroidered barong tagalogs, a partially see-

through shirt sewn from pineapple fibre and silk) worn by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and other leaders in the Philippines last year.

This year, Najib and the other leaders honoured the hospitality of Peru by wearing shawls made of alpaca fibre.

Alpaca fibre had been catching on in the world's fabric market, which could be seen in some clothing brands such as Kuna.

Peru boasts 90 per cent of the world's population of alpacas.

Living on the highland area of the Andes, which is more than 3,000 metres above sea level, alpacas have longer, brighter and more elastic hairs than sheep. This makes the animal popular with consumers.



Prime Minister **Datuk Seri Najib Razak**, (from left) South Korea's Prime Minister **Hwang Kyo-ahn**, Japan's Prime Minister **Shinzo Abe** and United States President **Barack Obama** leaving after taking part in the 'family photo' session at the **Lima Convention Centre** yesterday. AFP pic