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2ND DAY OF VISIT

# Japanese in Malaysia honoured to meet Naruhito

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*Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak with Crown Prince of Japan Naruhito at Seri Perdana in Putrajaya yesterday.*  
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**KUALA LUMPUR:** Japanese residents and volunteers in Malaysia shared their experience living in the country with Crown Prince of Japan Naruhito as he wrapped up the second day of his official visit yesterday.

Naruhito met 22 members of Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and 20 community leaders at the official residence of the Japan's ambassador, Dr Makio Miyagawa.

Japan Club of Kuala Lumpur (JCKL) president Kenji Ohta, 53, described Naruhito as an attentive leader whom "the Japanese people support and admire".

During the meet-and-greet-session, Ohta told the Crown Prince about JCKL's activities, which centred on cultural exchange.

"I told him that we hold a popular annual autumn festival, which draws 30,000 to 35,000 people, as well as our charity bazaar, which has been going on for 44 years now. I hope with his visit, the Look East Policy will get a second boost as we had about 16,000 Malaysian exchange students going to Japan since the policy was first implemented."

Senior volunteer Masayoshi Honda, 67, said he was honoured to be granted an audience with Crown Prince Naruhito.

"I was nervous and excited to meet him. But, he was a very good listener, so meeting him was a pleasant experience."

Naruhito, the eldest son of Emperor Akihito, began his third day here by visiting the Japanese

School of Kuala Lumpur.

He had a 10-minute discussion about the school's education system with a focus on the English language and the welfare of the 800 students with the school's principal, Miyatani Shinichiro.

He then attended a luncheon with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak at Seri Perdana in Putrajaya, where he was treated to performances by children of Permata Seni and local artistes.

He also visited the Stormwater Management and Road Tunnel Control Centre tunnel here.

The maiden visit of Naruhito, who is first in line to the Chrysanthemum throne, has been the highlight of the 60th anniversary of Malaysia-Japan diplomatic relations.