

**Perlis Raja Muda Visits Vietnam's Green Mosque During Maal Hijrah
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KANGAR, Nov 26 (Bernama) -- The Raja Muda of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail, who is on a four-day visit to Vietnam, today toured the Green Mosque in Ho Chi Minh City, in conjunction with Maal Hijrah.

According to a media broadcast here today, the Raja Muda and his consort, the Raja Puan Muda, Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil, were met on arrival at the mosque in Phu Nhuan district, which is the oldest and largest in the country, by Haji Idris Ismail, president of the Ho Chi Minh City Muslim community.

The couple, leading 33 delegates on a working visit, were also given a briefing on the development of Islam in Vietnam, which has 72,000 Muslims descended from the Cham clan, and 64 mosques.

Of the figure, 5,456 Muslims are concentrated in Ho Chi Minh City, which has eight mosques and seven 'surau' or house of prayer.

The entourage distributed necessities, including prayers mats and cash, at the mosque located along Nguyen Van Troi road.

In his address, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin, who is also president of the Perlis Malay Customs and Islamic Council, stressed that Islam was not against establishing good relations with non-Muslims for the benefit of both sides.

"Respect for each other must be maintained but akidah (faith) cannot be compromised," he said.

Yesterday, the Raja Muda launched a Perlis food promotion at Restoran Halal@Saigon owned by a Malaysian, Dr Shimi Sumanthi Muthu Kunju.

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