

**Agong Grants Audience To Japanese Prime Minister
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TOKYO, Oct 4 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah today granted an audience to Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda and wife, Hitomi Noda.

The audience took place at Akasaka Palace, the official residence for visiting dignitaries to Japan.

Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah was also present.

The Malaysian VIPs present included Minister of Higher Education Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin, who is the minister-in-attendance, Foreign Ministry Deputy Secretary General Datuk Husni Zai Yaacob and Malaysian Ambassador to Japan Datuk Shaharuddin Md Som.

The royal couple arrived in Tokyo on Monday for a five-day visit.

Earlier, in a separate programme, Tuanku Hajah Haminah visited the Orphanage House Fukuin-Ryo in Setagaya-ku, here.

She was received on arrival by the chairman of the Fukuin-Ryo Board of Directors, Ando Tatsuo.

Her Majesty was also briefed on the orphanage by its head of facility, Iida Masato, who said that the orphanage was established in 1945 to save children who lost their parents in World War II.

The building in Setagaya-ku, established in 2000, is Fukuin-Ryo's third building.

The orphanage is currently home to 55 children, aged between two to 18 years, who include victims of abuse.

During the visit, Her Majesty and the royal entourage also tried their hands at origami, the Japanese art of paper folding.

Later, Tuanku Hajah Haminah was presented cookies baked by the students there and in return, Her Majesty presented financial donation to the orphanage.

Tonight, the royal couple will join the Malaysian community at a dinner at the Imperial Hotel here.

Their royal majesties will depart for home on Friday.

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