

Najib Departs For Home After Attending Asem Summit
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VIENTIANE, Nov 6 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak left for home after attending the 9th Asia-Europe Meeting (Asem) Summit here.

Najib, together with wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, left the Wattay International Airport here at 2.45pm (Malaysian time: 3.45pm).

Apart from attending the two-day summit which ended today, Najib also opened the first branch of Maybank here yesterday, completing the Malaysian bank's presence in all 10 Asean countries.

He and his Laotian counterpart, Thongsing Thammavong, witnessed the signing of a Master Concession Agreement between the Laotian Government and a Malaysian construction company, Giant Consolidated Ltd, here yesterday.

Under the agreement, the Malaysian company will develop the RM15 billion electrified double-track standard gauge railway from Savannakhet to Lao Bao, covering a 220km stretch from east to west of Laos.

Najib also met Malaysian investors in the hydroelectric and special economic zone projects here yesterday.

On the sidelines of the meeting yesterday, he held bilateral meetings with his France counterpart Francois Hollande, Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg and Pakistani Prime Minister Raja Pervaiz Ashraf.

Last night, Najib and Rosmah attended the Asem Gala Dinner hosted by Laotian President Choummaly Sayasone and his wife, Keosaychay Sayasone, at a hotel here.

The Malaysian prime minister met Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev, Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa and Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom William Hague on the sidelines of the summit today.

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