

**Najib Receives Courtesy Call From John Kerry Prior To GES
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 11 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak received a courtesy call from US Secretary of State John Kerry prior to the opening of the fourth Global Entrepreneurship Summit (GES) 2013 here Friday.

Kerry, who arrived here yesterday for a two-day visit representing US President Barack Obama, spent about 30 minutes in a bilateral meeting with Najib.

Also present were Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Anifah Aman and Second Finance Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hanadzlah.

Meanwhile, Kerry's visit to Malaysia was accompanied by US Trade Representative Michael Frohman, Assistant Secretary of State Danny Russel and Commerce Secretary Penny Pritzker.

Kerry had earlier expressed Washington's deep appreciation for Malaysia's leadership under Najib in enabling closer ties in diverse areas and setting the stage for potentially deeper linkages in the future.

GES is now in its fourth year and held for the first time in East Asia.

The first GES was held in Washington in 2010 and has since be held in Istanbul, Dubai and the United Arab Emirates.

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