

## **PM, Wife Attend Banquet To Mark 24th Asean Summit**

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NAY PYI TAW (Myanmar), May 10 (Bernama) - Asean leaders were tonight feted to a banquet in conjunction with the 24th Asean Summit here.

It was hosted the President of Myanmar, U Thein Sein, together with his wife, Daw Khin Khin Win at Myanmar International Convention Centre.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak who led the Malaysian delegation was accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Thein Sein in his speech said Myanmar was proud to be the chairman of the Asean Summit and thanked Asean members for the support and confidence.

He hopes that the meeting will highlight Myanmar's rapid development to the world and have a positive impact on Asean.

Issues to be covered at this meeting include human rights, good governance, environmental and conservation and the role of women and children.

Also present at the banquet were 400 delegates including Asean ministers, non-governmental organisations and youth representatives.

This is the first time Myanmar is hosting the Asean Summit after joining the regional grouping more than 17 years ago.

The opening will take place tomorrow followed by the plenary session and a retreat by leaders of the 10 Asean member countries.

This meeting is important for Malaysia which will takeover as Asean chairman next year, coinciding with the formation of the Asean Community.

Najib is scheduled to hold a press conference for the Malaysian media after the meeting tomorrow.

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