

King, Singapore PM Reaffirm Longstanding Ties Between Malaysia, Singapore
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SINGAPORE, May 20 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong have reaffirmed longstanding ties between Singapore and Malaysia.

The Malaysian king and Lee also underscored the importance of strengthening bilateral cooperation and deepening people-to-people bonds between both countries.

In a statement, the Singapore Ministry of Foreign Affairs said the reaffirmation was made during a courtesy call here Tuesday.

The Singapore prime minister and wife, Mary Tan called on Tuanku Abdul Halim and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah today.

Tuanku Abdul Halim is on the second day of his three-day state visit to Singapore.

The royal couple began the day with a visit to the National Orchid Garden, accompanied by Singapore's First Lady.

In commemoration of the state visit, an orchid, 'Aranda Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah' was named in honour of the Malaysian king. This was followed by the royal couple's visit to Gardens by the Bay.

Tomorrow, Singapore President Dr Tony Tan Keng Yam and wife will host and accompany their majesties on a tour of the Istana, the first for a visiting head of state. The president and wife will host an informal tea for the royal couple after the tour.

The royal couple will also visit Reflections at Bukit Chandu, which commemorates the Battle of Pasir Panjang during World War Two, followed by the Night Safari to round up the state visit.

Their majesties will leave for Malaysia on Thursday.

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