

King, Queen Accorded State Welcome In Beijing

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BEIJING, Sept 4 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah were today accorded a state welcome at the Great Hall of The People, in conjunction with their three-day state visit to Beijing, beginning Wednesday.

Their Majesties were received by Chinese President Xi Jinping and wife, Peng Liyuan.

Tuanku Abdul Halim and Tuanku Hajah Haminah arrived here Wednesday.

At the ceremony, the national anthems of both countries were played, followed by a 21-gun salute.

After the ceremony, Tuanku Abdul Halim, accompanied by Xi, inspected a guard-of-honour.

Tuanku Abdul Halim was later greeted by children waving the flags of both countries.

The Agong and the Raja Permaisuri Agong later called on Xi and wife at the Eastern Hall, Great Hall of The People.

After the meeting, Tuanku Abdul Halim and Tuanku Hajah Haminah attended a state banquet at the Golden Hall, Great Hall of The People, which was hosted by Xi.

The visit of the Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong was at Xi's invitation to reciprocate his visit to Malaysia in October last year.

The visit was also in conjunction with the 40th anniversary of the Malaysia-China relations which began on May 31, 1974.

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