

Myanmar President Meets Countrymen In Malaysia

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 13 (Bernama) -- Myanmar President U Thein Sein took time off from his busy state-visit schedule to meet several members of the Myanmar community here Friday.

Thein Sein and his wife Khin Khin Win arrived at the residence of the Myanmar ambassador to Malaysia at Jalan Mengkuang here at 1.55 pm and were welcomed by members of the Myanmar society, among them scholars, military officers and embassy staff.

Thein Sein spent about 30 minutes and spoke to the community.

A Myanmar national, Nwe Ni Hlaing, 39, said she was excited to have been given the opportunity to meet her president, despite it being in a foreign country.

She said she believed the visit would strengthen relations between Myanmar and Malaysia and also hoped it would improve cooperation.

"I felt very excited with his visit and to meet him here. I think it is like a visit from our parents. Off course, he is our leader but his visit is just like a parent visiting children," she told reporters after the meeting.

Nwe, who is pursuing her PhD in Materials Engineering at Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), said the president advised the Myanmar community, especially scholars, to work hard to complete their studies and return to serve Myanmar.

Thein Sein, who became the President of Myanmar in 2011, arrived yesterday on a maiden two-day state visit to Malaysia at the invitation of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah.

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