

Governor-General Of Australia Arrives For Maiden Visit To Malaysia

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SEPANG, Aug 11 (Bernama) -- Malaysia rolled out the red carpet to welcome Governor-General of Australia Sir Peter Cosgrove AK MC (Retd) and wife Lady Cosgrove, who are on a five-day state visit to Malaysia.

As the official aircraft ferrying Their Excellencies touched down at 8.25 pm at the Bunga Raya Complex, Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) here, on hand to welcome them was Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican, who is also the Minister-in-Attendance.

Also present were Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Joseph Kurup and Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia Rod Smith PSM.

Shortly after, Sir Peter inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 34 officers and men from the First Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment.

In a statement, Wisma Putra said Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove would receive a ceremonial welcome at the Prime Minister's Office at Perdana Square, Prime Minister's Office in Putrajaya on Thursday.

Following that, Sir Peter will receive a courtesy call from Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak in Kuala Lumpur and in the evening, the Governor-General and wife will attend a dinner hosted by Najib and wife, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor at their official residence, Seri Perdana, Putrajaya.

Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove are expected to visit the Australia International School Malaysia (AISM) Monash University, Sunway Campus on Thursday.

On Friday, Sir Peter and Lady Cosgrove are scheduled to visit and tour the Royal Malaysian Air Force Base in Butterworth, Penang where he would meet with the Australian Defence Force personnel stationed there.

The Governor-General and wife will then proceed to Sandakan, Sabah to attend the 70th Anniversary of Sandakan Memorial Day on Saturday and from there will leave for Australia.

In the official website of the Governor-General (<https://www.gg.gov.au/>), it said Sir Peter would be joining Sandakan prisoner of war, Bunny Glover and families of former prisoners for the 70th anniversary service at Sandakan Memorial Park.

"The visit will also mark 60 years of diplomatic relations between Australia and Malaysia, and highlight the significant business, education and defence links between both nations," it said.

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