

Indonesian Home Minister Among 500 Guests At Malaysia's National Day Dinner
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JAKARTA, Sept 9 (Bernama) -- Indonesian Minister of Home Affairs, Tjahjo Kumolo was among 500 people who attended a dinner function in celebration of Malaysia's 58th National Day hosted by the embassy, here, last night.

Among the guests were Malaysian students and fellow citizens and foreign diplomats here who were served a spread of Malaysian delicacies and entertained with cultural performances.

Malaysia's Permanent Representative to ASEAN, Datuk Hasnudin Hamzah said in his welcoming speech that no quarters could deny the very special and increasingly close relationship between Malaysia and Indonesia at various levels.

He said the Malaysian prime minister and Indonesian president always discussed matters related to the two countries' bilateral relations to further strengthen the political, economic and social ties.

He noted that Malaysia was the 10th biggest investor in Indonesia, and among the ASEAN countries, it was the second biggest.

In the tourism sector, he said, Malaysia received 2.8 million tourists from Indonesia, while 1.3 Malaysians visited the republic last year.

Tjahjo in his speech said the Indonesian government hoped that the theme of Malaysia's National Day celebration this year, "One Heart, One Soul", could be expanded to make Indonesia and Malaysia heart and soul mates.

He said the theme was most suitable to further strengthen relations between the two neighbouring countries which had many similarities while their people were of the same stock.

Tjahjo said Indonesia always regarded Malaysia as its closest neighbour and that both benefited from the good relations.

The highlight of the dinner function was the cutting of the Malaysia National Day 2015 cake by Hasnudin, Thahjo and some foreign diplomats.

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