

**Malaysia Accords Official Welcome To Ukrainian President
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PUTRAJAYA, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- The President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, was accorded with an official welcoming ceremony at Dataran Perdana here today in conjunction with his maiden official visit to Malaysia.

Poroshekno, who arrived yesterday, was greeted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak upon arrival.

After the national anthems of Ukraine and Malaysia were played, Poroshenko inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by 103 officers and men from the First Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment.

The Ukrainian President and his wife, Maryna Poroshenko, accompanied by Najib and Datin Sri Rosmah Mansor, were introduced to the cabinet ministers, foreign diplomats and senior government officials.

Najib and Poroshenko then held bilateral talks.

The Foreign Ministry (Wisma Putra) in a statement yesterday said this first visit by a Ukrainian President to Malaysia marks the elevation of ties between both countries.

The meeting will allow both leaders to take stock of bilateral relations as well as explore other possible areas of collaboration.

Najib and Poroshenko are also scheduled to witness the signing of a number of bilateral agreements and treaties aimed at further promoting cooperation between the two countries.

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