

Ukrainian President, Wife Visit Malaysia's Iconic Locations

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KUALA LUMPUR, Aug 4 (Bernama) -- Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko visited the Petronas Twin Towers here today.

Poroshenko accompanied by his wife, Maryna Poroshenko visited the 88-floor Petronas Twin Towers and the couple was greeted by Petronas chairman Tan Sri Mohd Sidek Hassan upon arrival at about 11 am.

They were then taken up to the sky bridge at level 42, between the two towers, for a city view, and were given a briefing on the buildings and its facilities.

The couple was then taken to the 86th floor of tower one where the observation deck is situated for a panoramic view of the city where they took selfies and pictures for their memorable moment at the tallest twin towers in the world.

Poroshenko, who is on a second-day of the three-day visit, left after spending about an hour at the Twin Towers and later headed for the Malaysia-Ukraine business forum and luncheon at the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) here.

On a separate programme, Maryna then visited the Royal Selangor Pewter, the country's historical place in pewter crafting and was welcomed by its director Datin Paduka Chen Mun Kuen, who is also the granddaughter of Royal Selangor Pewter founder, Yong Koon.

During the factory tour at 1 pm, Maryna had the opportunity to have a look at the processes of the craft-making besides hammering small uniformly sized dimples on a cylindrical pewter sheet.

Maryna is also scheduled to visit Permata Kurnia Sentul here later in the evening.

During the visit, the Ukrainian president is expected to witness the signing of a number of bilateral agreements and treaties aimed at further promoting cooperation between the two countries.

Later in the evening, Maryna spent an hour visiting Permata Kurnia Centre at Jalan Sentul, here.

She was accompanied by the wife of Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan, Datin Norazlina Awang Had.

Maryna was welcomed by the Permata Working Committee chairman Datuk Siti Azizah Sheikh Abod and special advisor to Permata at the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Sharifah Hapsah Syed Hassan Shahabuddin.

Maryna was briefed on the centre's direction and operations, which catered for 260 autistic children, aged between one and four years, by the director of Permata Kurnia Centre Assoc Prof Dr Hasnah Toran.

During the visit, Maryna was seen mingling with the children.

Permata Kurnia Centre was inspired by Permata patron, Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, the wife of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

The centre began its operations in November last year as a pilot project, offering pre-school education programme for autistic children.

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