

Najib Hosts Official Dinner in Conjunction 7th Malaysia-Singapore Leaders' Retreat
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PUTRAJAYA, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak today hosted an official dinner in conjunction with the 7th Malaysia-Singapore Leaders' Retreat at Seri Perdana.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, who is accompanied by his wife Ho Ching, and several cabinet ministers and other senior officials had attended the Leaders Retreat today.

Najib, accompanied by his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, greeted Lee and Ho Ching upon arrival and ushered him to the Protocol Hall foyer to introduce to his Singaporean counterpart and his delegation some of the local delicacies such as laksa, popiah, rojak and kuih-muihs.

Also present were Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, Transport Minister Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department, Datuk Abdul Rahman Dahlan.

Also attending the official dinner were Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Idris Jusoh and Attorney-General Tan Sri Mohamed Apandi Ali.

The Leaders' Retreat is an annual event hosted rotationally between Malaysia and Singapore.

The inaugural Leaders' Retreat was held in May 2007 in Langkawi and has since been a forum for both countries to further strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

In 2015, Singapore was Malaysia's second largest trading partner globally, with total trade between the two countries recorded at USD59.5 billion (then RM190.6 billion).

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