

Tuanku Mizan Receives Indonesia's Highest Award
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JAKARTA, Oct 16 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin today received Indonesia's highest award in recognition of his role and contribution in strengthening relations and cooperation between Malaysia and Indonesia.

The presentation of the Bintang Republik Indonesia Adipurna by President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono to Tuanku Mizan took place at the Bilateral Hall of Istana Merdeka, here, Sunday.

The ceremony was witnessed by Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Nur Zahirah, Firsty Lady Ani Yudhoyono, Indonesia's cabinet ministers and the Malaysian delegation accompanying Tuanku Mizan on his visit to the republic.

This was the first time the award was conferred on Malaysia's Yang di-Pertuan.

Former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad had been bestowed the same award before.

Tuanku Mizan who arrived here this morning for a two-day official visit to the republic, was given an official welcome by the Indonesian government at Istana Merdeka this afternoon.

A 19-gun salute was fired after Tuanku Mizan took the salute from the guard-of-honour comprising 60 members of the Presidential Security Force.

Tuanku Mizan then inspected the guard-of-honour led by First Lieutenant Yudha Pratama.

After being introduced to the line-up of Indonesia's cabinet ministers and senior government officials, the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong made a courtesy call on President Yudhoyono and his wife Ani at Jeparo Room, Istana Merdeka.

Tonight, the royal couple and the Malaysian delegation will attend an official dinner at Istana Negara, here.

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