

Prince Charles, Camilla on brief visit to Kuching

KUCHING: Britain's Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, and wife the Duchess of Cornwall Camilla Parker Bowles were in Kuching yesterday for a brief visit to the state capital.

The Royal Air Force aircraft carrying their Royal Highnesses landed at the Kuching International Airport at about 1.25pm. They were received on arrival by Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Minister Datuk Abdul Karim Rahman Hamzah who was accompanied by his wife Datin Zuraini Abdul Jabbar.

The itinerary for Prince Charles included visits to the Sarawak Cultural Village (SCV), Semenggoh Wildlife Centre and Sarawak Biological Diversity Centre.

Meanwhile, Camilla joined a separate programme with the Purple Lily group, a non-governmental organisation, at the Old Court House, after visiting SCV. The royal couple left for Penang last night.

Prince Charles and Camilla are on their maiden visit to Malaysia. They had arrived in Kuala Lumpur on Nov 2 to visit a number of places in Kuala Lumpur, Perak, Sarawak and Penang. The royal visit is part of a tour of Singapore, Malaysia and India from Oct 30 to Nov 9.



Camilla receives a bouquet of flowers from children dressed in traditional costume as Prince Charles and others look on. — Photo by Penerangan