

## Five ambassadors call on Najib

**PUTRAJAYA:** Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak received courtesy calls from three Malaysian Ambassadors and two High Commissioners at his office at Kompleks Perdana Putra here.

During the approximately 45-minute meeting yesterday, Najib met the Malaysian Ambassador to Austria Datuk Selwyn Vijayarajan Das, Malaysian Ambassador to Egypt Datuk Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari and Malaysian Ambassador to Finland Datin Seri Blanche O'Leary.

Also present at the meeting were Malaysian High Commissioner to Singapore Datuk Husni Zai Yaacob and Malaysian High Commissioner to Australia Datuk Zainal Abidin Ahmad.

On July 24, Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam

Shah presented the instruments of appointment to three Malaysian Ambassadors and two High Commissioners abroad at the Istana Negara, Kuala Lumpur.

Das, who was the Deputy Secretary-General (Multilateral Affairs) at the Foreign Ministry, had served with the Government since 1979, and had served as the Malaysian High Commissioner to Canada from 2009 to 2010 and Malaysian High Commissioner to Kenya (2005 to 2009).

Ku Jaafar had served as the Malaysian Ambassador to Qatar (from 2004 to 2007 and Malaysian High Commissioner to Brunei Darussalam (2007 to 2010), besides having served in several Malaysian missions in Canada, Laos, Croatia

and Jordan.

Blanche, who is the wife of People's Progressive Party (PPP) president Datuk M. Kayveas, was first appointed as High Commissioner on June 15, 2009, and assigned to Papua New Guinea, Republic of Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands.

Husni Zai had been the Malaysian Ambassador to Thailand (2008 to 2010) and Kuwait (2003 to 2005), and had also served at several Malaysian missions abroad including in the Philippines, Pakistan and the United Kingdom.

Zainal Abidin was the Malaysian Ambassador to Laos from 2007 to 2010, before returning to assume the post of Director-General, Asean-Malaysia National Secretariat at the Foreign Ministry. — Bernama



**Courtesy call:** Najib welcoming Das and the other Malaysian Ambassadors and High Commissioners at his office at Kompleks Perdana Putra in Putrajaya.