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Sultan Muhammad V, a pious son who cares for all

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KUALA LUMPUR — The 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V, is a Ruler who has shown great concern for the administration of Kelantan and the welfare of his subjects.

Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Ahmad Yakob said Sultan Muhammad V constantly shared his views and suggestions on various issues.

"It is customary for me to meet him, as the menteri besar, and openly discuss matters of concern," Ahmad told Bernama.

"Any paperwork discussed is done for the benefit of the people. This is his distinction. We always get his views first and table it in the state executive council meeting."

He said as the guardian of Kelantan, Sultan Muhammad V showed great concern for non-Muslims in the state and had excellent relations with them.

needs of Islam, a pious son, and a role model for his people."

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed described Sultan Muhammad V as a Ruler who was heedful of the needs of the state, ensuring his people would also enjoy benefits comparable to other states in the country.

"For instance, Sultan Muhammad V advocated the construction of an airport and a fishing town in Tok Bali. He personally instructed me to brief him on Kelantan's development efforts," Mustapa said.

"Sultan Muhammad V ensured problems faced by the public were resolved as he did not want his people to live in misery."

Mustapa said Sultan Muhammad V is a moderate person who endeared himself to the people of Kelantan.

the Yang di-Pertuan Agong again.

The last monarch from Kelantan to be given the honour was Sultan Muhammad V's grandfather, the late Sultan Yahya Petra ibni Sultan Ibrahim, who served as the sixth Yang di-Pertuan Agong from 1975 to 1979.

Sultan Muhammad V took his oath of office in a ceremony steeped in tradition at Istana Negara yesterday.

Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah, was also sworn in as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

They were elected by the Conference of Rulers at its 243rd (Special) Meeting at Istana Negara on Oct 14, and will reign for five years.

Sultan Muhammad V succeeds the Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, who completed his reign as Yang di-Pertuan Agong on Monday.

For instance, the Thai community in Tumpat had requested to be allowed to attend his official departure from Kelantan to Kuala Lumpur for his installation as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

"Even for the appointment of the chief monks, they would seek the permission of Sultan Muhammad V, showing the existence of an established relationship," said Ahmad.

"The Kelantan people are thankful for the appointment of Sultan Muhammad V as Yang di-Pertuan Agong for he is a Ruler who is concerned in fulfilling the

He noticed the moderate personality when attending some of the breaking-of-fast and *terawih* events at several mosque in the state during Ramadan.

"The sultan seemed at ease sitting with the locals, a quality which the people always remember," he said.

Mustapa, who is Jeli MP, said the people would always appreciate the Ruler for his efforts in ensuring their needs were fulfilled.

After 37 years of waiting, the people of Kelantan finally see a monarch from their state reign as

The ceremony at Balairong Seri (throne room) began with the 244th Meeting of the Conference of Rulers, which was chaired by the Sultan of Selangor, Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Then, the Keeper of the Rulers' Seal, Datuk Syed Danial Syed Ahmad, presented the oath of office to Sultan Muhammad V who read it out and signed it, followed by Sultan Nazrin Shah.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak then read out the proclamation stating Sultan Muhammad V and Sultan Nazrin Shah had been sworn in.

10.05am: Sultan Muhammad V is formally received by a delegation of nobles led by the Raja Muda of Selangor Tengku Amir Shah ibni Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, upon his arrival at the KLIA Bunga Raya Complex.

Sultan Muhammad V bid his mother Tengku Anis Tengku Abdul Hamid farewell at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Kota Baru, before departing for Istana Negara.

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Sultan Muhammad V

BORN on Oct 6, 1969, Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra is the eldest son of Sultan Ismail Petra and Tengku Anis Tengku Abdul Hamid.

- Became Tengku Mahkota Kelantan on Oct 6, 1985.
- Proclaimed the 29th Sultan of Kelantan with the name Sultan Muhammad V on Sept 13, 2010.
- His siblings are Tengku Mahkota Kelantan, Tengku Muhammad Faiz Petra, 42, Tengku Muhammad Fakhry Petra, 38, and Tengku Amalin A'ishah Putri, 32.
- Received early education at Fatima Convent Kindergarten followed by Sekolah Sultan Ismail I.
- Went on to Alice Smith International School in Kuala Lumpur and Oakham School in Rutland, England.
- Took up diplomatic studies in St Cross College, Oxford and Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.
- Pursued diplomatic relations studies and business administration at Huron University College, London, followed by Deutsche Stiftung International at Entwicklung, Berlin, and European Business Administration at European Business School London.
- Enjoys golf, go-karting, shooting, archery, badminton, bowling and football.

12pm: Sultan Muhammad V reads aloud the Yang di-Pertuan Agong's oath of office during the 244th Meeting of the Conference of Rulers held in conjunction with his swearing-in and signing of the Instruments of Office at Istana Negara. Witnessing the reading is (from left) Sultan of Terengganu Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin, Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah and Raja of Perlis Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Putra Jamalullail.

- Addresses himself as "ambo" during his meeting with the people. He frequently mingles with his subjects, including in the interior.
- Active in numerous organisations. He is also patron of Yayasan Sultan Kelantan which reaches out to the underprivileged.

11.05am: Sultan Muhammad V inspects the Royal Malay Regiment's 1st Battalion honour guard during the official welcoming ceremony for the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Parliament Square. — Pictures by Bernama

Sultan Nazrin known for sound ideas, constructive criticism

IPOH — Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Shah ***(right, pic)***, who has been elected Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong, is well known as a Ruler who always gives sound ideas and constructive criticisms.

Sultan Nazrin, who was born on Nov 27, 1956, is the eldest child of the late Sultan Azlan Shah and Tuanku Siti Bainun Mohd Ali.

He holds a doctorate in Economics, Politics and Government from Harvard University, and also numerous posts including Chancellor of Universiti Malaya and Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah, and Honorary Fellow of Worchester College, Oxford University.

He was also appointed Member of the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors, Oxford University, and Eminent Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia.

Sultan Nazrin is also the Financial Ambassador of the Malaysian International Islamic Financial Centre and a member of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing at the United Nations conference on refugees.

His contributions as a member of the panel received accolades including from Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev at a High Level Conference on measures to tackle the large movement of refugees and migrants held in conjunction with the UN General Assembly in September.

Sultan Nazrin was proclaimed the Sultan of Perak in May 2014 following the death of his father.

Married to Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim, they have a son, Raja Kechil Besar Perak Raja Azlan Muzaffar Shah, eight, and a daughter, Raja Nazira Safya, five.

He was appointed the Regent of Perak when he was the Raja Muda after his father was elected the ninth Yang di-Pertuan Agong from April 1989 to April 1994.

In one of his constructive criticisms, he urged government-linked companies headed by Malays to do more to uphold the national language. — Bernama