INSTALLATION OF THE 15th YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG

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Sultan Muhammad V accepting a Letter of Declaration from Najib during the installation ceremony at Istana Negara yesterday.

# Kelantan Sultan ascends throne

## People close to his heart

**KOTA BARU:** The 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Sultan Muhammad V, has great concern for the administration of the Kelantan government as well as the welfare of his subjects.

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

On the appointment of the sultan's younger brother, Tengku Dr Muhammad Faiz Petra, as the president of Kelantan Islamic Religious and Malay Customs Council, Ahmad said it proved that Sultan Muhammad V was careful in safeguarding the welfare of his subjects.

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

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

International Trade and Industry Minister Datuk Seri Mustapa Mohamed described Sultan Muhammad V as a ruler who is mindful of the development needs of the state, ensuring that his people would also enjoy benefits that were comparable to other states in the country. – Bernama

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# > 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong takes oath of office in tradition-rich ceremony

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**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Sultan of Kelantan, Sultan Muhammad V, ascended to the throne when he was installed as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong yesterday.

Arriving at Parliament Square at 11am with a royal entourage, Sultan Muhammad V was greeted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak, his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi.

Sultan Muhammad V was then ushered to the dais, followed by a royal salute.

The national anthem was played by the Royal Malay Regiment band, led by Capt Nor Azizan Yahaya.

The personal colours of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong were also raised, accompanied by a 21-gun salute.

Sultan Muhammad V then inspected a guard-of-honour mounted by the First Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment led by Major Mohd Riduan Mohd Basheer.

This was followed by a prayer by Federal Territory mufti Datuk Zulkifli Mohamad Al Bakri. The Sultan then granted an audience to Cabinet ministers and their spouses and senior government officials before departing at 11.20am to Istana Negara in Jalan Duta for the proclamation ceremony as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

Others present to greet the sultan were Dewan Negara president Datuk Seri S.A. Vigneswaran and Dewan Rakyat Speaker Tan Sri Pandikar Amin Mulia and members of Parliament.

Sultan Muhammad V took the oath of office at Istana Negara in a ceremony steeped in tradition and customs.

The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, also took the oath of office as Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

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

Sultan Muhammad V, 47, succeeds the Sultan of Kedah, Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah, who completed his reign as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong on Monday.

Yesterday's ceremonies at the Balairong Seri (throne room) began with the 244th (Special) Meeting of the Conference of Rulers held in conjunction with the taking of oath of office and signing of the instruments of office by the two rulers.

Previously known as Tengku Muhammad Faris Petra, Sultan Muhammad V was born on Oct 6, 1969 and was proclaimed ruler of Kelantan in September 2010, succeeding his father, Sultan Ismail Petra, who was incapacitated by illness. He enrolled in diplomatic studies at St Cross College in Oxford, and the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies in England and graduated in 1991.

Sultan Muhammad V is greeted by Najib and Zahid Hamidi at Parliament Square.

Sultan Muhammad V speaking to his mother Tengku Anis Tengku Abdul Hamid at the Sultan Ismail Petra Airport in Kota Baru, Kelantan, before leaving for Kuala Lumpur.

## A learned deputy king

**IPOH:** The Sultan of Perak, Sultan Nazrin Muizzuddin Shah, who has been elected Timbalan Yang di-Pertuan Agong, is well known as a ruler who gives sound ideas and constructive criticism.

Born on Nov 27, 1956, he is the eldest child of the late Sultan Azlan Shah and Tuanku Siti Bainun Mohd Ali, and holds a doctorate in Economics, Politics and Government from Harvard University.

Sultan Nazrin, 60, also holds numerous posts, including Chancellor of Universiti Malaya and Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah, and Honorary Fellow of Worchester College at Oxford University.

He was also appointed Member of the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors in 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 a 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, which was held in conjunction with the UN General Assembly in September.

Sultan Nazrin Shah was proclaimed the Sultan of Perak on May 2014 following the death of his father, Sultan Azlan Shah.

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