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# Ceremony steeped in tradition

## Sultan Muhammad V installed as King amid pomp and splendour

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Traditional drums and music were instrumental in marking the key proceedings of the installation of Sultan Muhammad V as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

The Gendang Besar Diraja Kelantan, a traditional music ensemble formed by the new King's grandfather – were flown in to Istana Negara to play a total of four tunes to signal each instrumental process of the deeply traditional ceremony.

The ceremony started at about 10am, when His Majesty's arrival was heralded by blowing of the *nafiri* (trumpets) by the band, which played the tune *Raja Berangkat*.

The King was attired in the official Yang di-Pertuan Agong's black wool and gold embroidered Muscat, *tengkolok* (headgear) and embroidered long pants, while an ivory and gold *Keris Pendek Diraja* was

pinned at his waist.

At the royal dais outside the entrance to the Throne Room, Sultan Muhammad V took the royal salute from the First Battalion of the Royal Malay Regiment, led by Major Mohd Ridwan Mohd Basheer, before inspecting the guard-of-honour.

Five minutes later, the ceremony continued inside the Throne Room, where His Majesty took the Oath of Installation to mark the formal commencement of his five-year reign.

Datuk Paduka Maharaja Lela (the Grand Chamberlain of Istana Negara) Major Gen (Rtd) Datuk Mamat Ariffin Abdullah announced the new King's arrival, before seeking permission to begin the ceremony.

He then presented Sultan Muhammad V with a copy of the Quran as a symbolic gesture depict-

ing the role of the King as head of the Islamic religion of the Federation and states that do not have a Ruler.

His Majesty also received the *Keris Panjang Diraja*, which symbolises his willingness to assume the role as head of state, followed by other royal regalia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak then proclaimed the enthronement of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, after which His Majesty took his oath of installation.

The *nafiri* was again sounded to the beating of the drums just before the Grand Chamberlain shouted *Daulat Tuanku* (Long Live the King) three times, with other guests following suit.

Moments later, a 21-gun salute was heard in the background as the national anthem was once again played.

Afterwards, Najib read a letter of declaration of loyalty and thanks to

the King, after which His Majesty delivered his Royal Address.

Some 800 guests witnessed the one-and-a-half hour long colourful ceremony, with the King leaving the Throne Room at 11.30am.

Present during the ceremony were the Sultans of Perak, Terengganu and Selangor, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan, Raja Perlis, the regent of Kelantan Tengku Dr Muhammad Faiz Petra, and the Regent of Pahang Tengku Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah.

Johor, Kedah and Brunei were represented by their respective Crown Princes, while the states of Malacca, Sabah, Sarawak and Penang were represented by their governors.

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## PM: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong personifies the nation

**KUALA LUMPUR:** The Yang di-Pertuan Agong is the “personification of the nation” whose powers are clearly spelt out, said Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

He said that Malaysia practised a constitutional monarchy that defines the powers and privileges of the Malay Rulers as provided under the Federal Constitution.

“Truly, the institution of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is unique to Malaysia, because it is not the practice in other countries that have a monarchy.

“It is not through a voting system by the people and it is also not hereditary.

“The institution is none other than a continuity of the tradition of the royal Malay Rulers since time immemorial,” he said when delivering his congratulatory speech and...

# King: Vital to preserve our communal diversity

**KUALA LUMPUR:** Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V has called on the *rakyat* to continue to preserve Malaysia's communal diversity, calling it the source of the country's strength.

The King said it was proven that Malaysians of diverse races, religions, cultures and ways of life were able to live together in peace, harmony and mutual respect.

"I hope Malaysians will continue to be united, tolerant, bearing the responsibility of a sovereign state, because these are our unique features which have been our source of strength," he said in his Royal Address at his installation ceremony as Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the Balai Rong Seri Istana Negara yesterday.

He reminded the nation's younger generation that they were the future leaders and should equip themselves with knowledge and skills.

"There is no full stop in seeking knowledge and skills.

"I call on all Malaysians, particularly the young, to continue to seek in-depth knowledge and skills needed by the nation," he said.

He advised the young to be respect-

ful and continue to support the efforts put in by the Government.

"The opportunities provided by the Government should be seized for the betterment of the country," he added.

The King also said that human capital development was the key to the nation's future success as it would result in improved productivity and competitiveness.

He said all Malaysians must have high morals and be aware of their responsibilities to the country.

On the economy, Sultan Muhammad V said the Government had succeeded in weathering external pressure and depreciation of the ringgit.

He called on the *rakyat* to support the Government's strategies to revive the economy and it was important for them to continue to do so to further improve the situation.

Sultan Muhammad V noted that his installation as King also marked a special occasion for the nation, which was celebrating 60 years of independence.

He said the national day celebration should be a joyful and harmonious occasion, especially since it would be close to Hari Raya Aidiladha.



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**New Ruler:**  
Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V taking the Oath of Installation to mark the formal start of his five-year reign.  
— Bernama

pledge of loyalty following the installation of Sultan Muhammad V as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the Istana Negara yesterday.

Najib said the system of constitutional monarchy practised in Malaysia was also very order according to principles specified in the spirit that Ruler and People cannot be separated.

"In other words, when outsiders ask about the intricacies of our culture, what is Malaysia, the answer is, His Majesty mirrors and signifies the manifestation of *Adicinta* or ideology of the Rukunegara," he said.

"The Yang di-Pertuan Agong is the custodian of Islam, defender of the rights of the Malays and of all citizens," he said.

Najib also noted that the *rakyat*, particularly the younger generation, was pleased to have Sultan Muhammad V as their King.

"This is apt for the nation's population where the majority are youths who need a boost from a young, energetic King who is full of zest," he added.

The Prime Minister also touched on efforts to transform Malaysia into a high income developed nation through several strategies such as the National Transformation Plan 2050 (TN50).