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INSTALLATION OF 15TH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG

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The installation ceremony of Sultan Muhammad V as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Balairong Seri (throne room) in Istana Negara yesterday was steeped in royal Malay customs and traditions.

King: Human capital key to success

> Sultan Muhammad V calls on youths to be equipped with knowledge, skills



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KUALA LUMPUR: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V said quality human capital is the key to the success of Malaysia as it could improve the peoples' productivity and competitiveness as well as explore and exploit the country's advantages and resources.

"Every Malaysian must play his or her role with responsibility, and not be negligent in carrying out their duties to the nation," he said during his installation as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara yesterday.

Sultan Muhammad V also reminded the younger generation to equip themselves with knowledge and skills, adding that there was no "full stop" to learning.

He said the government's efforts today would be inherited by the younger generation to further the cause of the country.

"I hope Malaysians will continue to adhere to good moral values and ethics. Be honourable, knowledgeable and respectable individuals who are aware of their responsibilities to the country."

Sultan Muhammad V said although the country was hit by an economic downturn, various measures taken by the government had managed to overcome the external pressures on the economy, especially in dealing with the depreciation of the ringgit.

He said people should also express full support to the strategies drawn up by the government to revive the country's economy.

"We will not be able to go further if we are not together in efforts to improve our economy."

The King said 2017 is very meaningful to him because besides being the year of his coronation, the nation would also be celebrating its 60th year of Independence, Bernama reported.

"I hope Malaysians will continue to be united, adopt a give-and-take attitude in bearing the responsibility of a sovereign state because these are our unique features and source of strength," he said.

Last night, Sultan Muhammad V attended a royal banquet held in conjunction with his coronation at Istana Negara.

Apart from the Malay rulers, the dinner was also attended by the Sultan of Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

Also present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Abdul Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Cabinet ministers.



Sultan Muhammad V arriving at the throne room for his installation.



Sultan Muhammad V reading the Oath of Installation.

People's Ruler with thirst for knowledge

KUALA LUMPUR: Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V, who was born on Oct 6, 1969 at Istana Batu, Kota Baru, Kelantan, received his early education at Sekolah Sultan Ismail i Kota Baru before continuing his studies at the International School of Kuala Lumpur.

He was appointed the Tengku Mahkota of Kelantan on his 16th birthday, on Oct 6, 1985. He went to England

to pursue studies at the Oakham School in Rutland up to 1989, Diplomatic Studies in St Cross College, Oxford, and in Islamic Studies at the Oxford Centre up to 1991.

On May 24, 2009, he was appointed the Regent of Kelantan and on Sept 13, 2010, he ascended the throne of Kelantan and used the title, Sultan Muhammad V, after his proclamation as the 29th Sultan of Kelantan.

On Dec 13, 2011, Sultan Muhammad V was elected as the 14th Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong by the Conference of Rulers and last year appointed as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong for a five-year period from Dec 13 2016. He took the oath of office on Dec 13, 2016.

As the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Mara and also the National Defence University of Malaysia, he makes it a point to attend every convocation of these universities as he places emphasis on education.

In the military field, the leadership qualities of Sultan

Muhammad V are always admired as he is Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Artillery Regiment and as the King, he is also the Supreme Commander of the Malaysian Armed Forces.

He also has a passion for adventure sports such as four-wheel-drive expeditions and equestrian events besides having a keen interest in archery and shooting. He also likes to rear wildlife and takes an interest in raising animals such as horses and deer.

Sultan Muhammad V shows much concern in the care of these pets and never tires in going to great lengths to ensure the best upkeep of his animal sanctuaries.

He is very concerned about the prosperity and harmony of the people and this is reflected in the way he handles social and religious problems.

Furthermore, Sultan Muhammad V is a people-oriented Ruler and it will not come as a surprise if he becomes a beloved Ruler well-respected by all Malaysians. - Bernama