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Hail the King



**YANG di-Pertuan Agong
Sultan Muhammad V wants
Malaysians to:**

- **Preserve unity, tolerance and share responsibility towards the nation.**

In his Royal Address as 15th King, he said it was proven:

- **People of diverse races, religions, culture and way of life are able to live together in peace, harmony and mutual respect.**

The prime minister, in his homage speech, said the Agong is personification of nation, reflection of Malaysia's ideology.

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Sultan Muhammad V kisses the Keris Panjang Diraja during the coronation at Istana Negara yesterday.
— Picture by Bernama



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Najib reads his speech during the coronation at the Balairung Seri at Istana Negara yesterday. — Picture by Bernama

The institution of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is unique to Malaysia because it is not practised elsewhere.

— *Najib*

PM: RULER and PEOPLE cannot be SEPARATED

KUALA LUMPUR — Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak said the monarchy institution is a reflection of the “personification of the nation”.

He said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong was a reflection or manifestation to the “Adicita” or Rukun Negara ideology, fundamental to a prosperous and independent nation.

“Truly, the institution of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong is unique to Malaysia, because it is not practised elsewhere. It is not through a voting system by the people and it is also not hereditary,” he said when delivering his congratulatory speech and pledge of loyalty during the installation of Sultan Muhammad V as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the Istana Negara yesterday.

“The institution is none other than a continuity of the tradition of the royal Malay Rulers since time immemorial.”

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

The prime minister also touched on the current developments in the country, particularly the National Transformation Policy, which he said

would be the catalyst to drive Malaysia towards becoming a developed nation.

Najib said the programme’s sixth annual report showed it had achieved many successes and received recognition from various international bodies.

“Thank God, although the country is not spared from facing the global economic downturn, according to the World Bank, our economy will hopefully grow by 4.3 per cent in 2017,” he said.

“In fact, last week, I, as the prime minister, on behalf of His Majesty’s government, had launched a new chapter to the bumiputra policy, 45 years after the New Economic Policy was introduced by my late father, Tun Abdul Razak, in 1971.”

Najib said the next phase in the bumiputra policy was the transformation of their welfare in an inclusive manner, not only taking into account their participation in the economy, but across all aspects of life.

On national security, the prime minister said the government would increase the security level, especially in the country’s waters and all entry points.

Najib, representing the government, security forces, civil servants and the

people, expressed deep gratitude to Sultan Muhammad V in conjunction with his installation.

“I, on behalf of the government together with the Deputy Prime Minister (Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi), as well as members of the administration and the people here, will always pray that His Majesty is bestowed the strength and guidance, as well as good health during his reign, as a symbol of greatness and national pride,” he said.

The Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Muhammad V was officially installed as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong yesterday.

Sultan Muhammad V, 47, was elected by the Conference of Rulers at its 243rd (special) meeting at Istana Negara on Oct 14, 2016, which also saw the Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Shah elected as the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

On Dec 13 last year, His Majesty had taken the oath of office and signed the letter of declaration as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara.

Sultan Muhammad V replaced the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah, who ended his tenure on Dec 12 last year.

— Bernama



King calls for **HONOURABLE,** **KNOWLEDGEABLE** Malaysians

KUALA LUMPUR — The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V said quality human capital is the key to the success of Malaysia in the future.

He said only with quality human capital could people improve their 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 coronation as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the Istana Negara yesterday.

Sultan Muhammad V reminded the younger generation, as the nation's future, to equip themselves with knowledge and skills.

He said there was no "full stop" in seeking and acquiring knowledge and skills required by the country.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong said the

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

Therefore, he said, he wanted all youths to seize and exploit the opportunities provided by the government, for the betterment of the country.

"I hope Malaysians will continue to adhere to good moral values and ethics," the King said.

"Be honourable, knowledgeable and respectable individuals who are aware their responsibilities to the country."

Sultan Muhammad V said although the country was hit by the economic downturn, the 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.

At the same time, the people should express full support for 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 today," he said.

The King also said 2017 was meaningful to him because besides him being installed as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong, the nation would also be celebrating its 60th year of independence.

As such, the National Day celebrations would be joyful and harmonious, especially since the occasion would close to Aidiladha, which is celebrated by all Muslims.

"As has been proven, the people of various races, religions, cultures and way of life can live harmoniously and with mutual respect," he said.

"I hope Malaysians will continue to be united, and adopt a give-and-take attitude in bearing the responsibility of a sovereign state because these are our unique features which have been

our source of strength."

The King expressed his appreciation to the government for its continued support for him in carrying out the duties and responsibilities entrusted to him.

"I am confident that with the strong spirit of consensus and understanding among us, I will be able to fulfill my responsibilities more effectively, God willing," he said.

"I also hope the other Rulers will give their views and advice to ensure Malaysia continues to uphold the sovereignty of constitutional monarchy in this blessed land."

Sultan Muhammad V also said he was touched by the oath of loyalty and love shown to him by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who represented the government, civil service, security forces and the people during the installation ceremony.

— Bernama

MAJESTIC, historic moment

9.30AM

Sultan Muhammad V's motorcade enters the Istana Negara compound.

— Pictures by Hari Anggara



KUALA LUMPUR — Sultan Muhammad V was installed as the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara yesterday.

The installation ceremony, steeped in royal Malay customs, marked the formal commencement of his tenure as the supreme head of the Federation, which also reflects the stature of constitutional monarchy practised in the country.

Sultan Muhammad V, 47, had previously taken his oath of office on Dec 13 last year. He ascended to the throne, succeeding Sultan Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah of Kedah, whose term ended on Dec 12.

Malaysia is one of 43 countries in the world that practise constitutional monarchy, with the rotation system in selecting a king being the only one of its kind in the world.

The sound of trumpets and the beating of drums by the Gendang Besar D'Raja Kelantan band reverberated in the Balairung Seri at Istana Negara to the tune of *Raja Bertabal* as soon as Sultan Muhammad V took his oath of installation.

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This was followed by three shouts of "Daulat Tuanku" led by the Datuk Paduka Maharaja Lela (Grand Chamberlain) Major-Gen (Rtd) Datuk Mamat Ariffin Abdullah.

This was then followed by the firing of a 21-gun salute and the playing of the Negaraku by the Royal Malaysian Air Force band.

9.35AM

Sultan Muhammad V inspects the guard of honour, consisting of 108 personnel from the First Battalion of the Royal Malay Army Regiment at Peterana Diraja.



10AM

Sultan Muhammad V being ushered to the throne in Balairung Seri, accompanied by the blowing of trumpets and beating of drums played to the tune of 'Raja Berangkat' as distinguished guests stand.



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10.40AM

Sultan Muhammad V pulls out the Keris Panjang Diraja before kissing it, symbolising his willingness to assume the role of head of state.

11AM

A 21-gun salute is fired following the playing of the Negaraku after the Grand Chamberlain leads those present with three calls of 'Daulat Tuanku'. — Pictures by Bernama





10.30AM

Sultan Muhammad V kisses the Al-Quran presented by Datuk Paduka Maharaja Lela Datuk Mamat Ariffin Abdullah before placing it on a 'rehal' (Quran stand on a table placed on his right).



Ministers, dignitaries join royal celebration

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KUALA LUMPUR — Senior government officials and foreign diplomats made their way to Istana Negara yesterday to witness another historic event — the coronation of the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

They were among about 800 guests who witnessed the colourful and traditional ceremony at the Balairung Seri.

Some documented their presence by posting pictures on their social media accounts while others saw it as an opportunity to mingle around and meet old and new friends.



Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak flanked by wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ahmad Zahid Hamidi as they head to the Balairung Seri.
— Picture by Bernama



Defence Minister Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Azmin Ali chat with French Ambassador in Malaysia Christophe Penot. This picture was posted on Twitter (@H2OComms) by Hishammuddin's communications team.



British High Commissioner to Malaysia Victoria Treadell posts this picture of herself with Deputy Foreign Minister Datuk Seri Reezal Merican Naina Merican and Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Seri Nancy Shukri on Twitter (@VickiTreadell).



(From left) Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, his consort Tengku Permaisuri Norashikin, Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Sultan of Perak Sultan Nazrin Shah, his consort Tuanku Zara Salim, and Tengku Mahkota Kelantan Tengku Dr Muhammad Faiz Petra at Balairung Seri. — Pictures by Bernama



Rulers grace coronation

KUALA LUMPUR — The Sultans and Yang di-Pertua of the other states, joined by their consorts and wives, gave an additional royal touch to the coronation of the 15th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at Istana Negara yesterday.

They were joined by ministers, chief ministers and menteri besar at the ceremony.

The Rulers were last seen together during the 245th meeting of the Conference of Rulers at the national palace in February.



Raja Perlis
Tuanku Syed
Sirajuddin Syed
Putra Jamalullail
(right) joined
by Sultan of
Terengganu Sultan
Mizan Zainal Abidin
and his consort
Sultanah Nur
Zahirah.



(From left) Yang
di-Pertua Sabah Tun
Juhar Mahiruddin,
wife Toh Puan
Norlidah RM Jasni,
Crown Prince of
Johor Tengku Ismail
Ibrahim and wife
Che Puan Khaleeda
Bustamam.