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11TH YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG TO BE INSTALLED ON THURSDAY

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept 21 (Bernama) -- Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Alhaj Almarhum Sultan Hishamuddin Alam Shah Alhaj will be installed as the 11th Yang di-Pertuan Agong in a ceremony steeped in tradition on Thursday.

The ceremony at the Throne Room in Istana Negara will be witnessed by the Malay rulers and the state governors.

The Crown Prince of Brunei will also be there, representing the Sultan of Brunei, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tajol Rosli Ghazali, who is also the installation central committee chairman, said today.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, cabinet ministers and representatives of foreign missions will also be present.

Sultan Salahuddin, 74, was elected Yang di-Pertuan Agong by the Malay rulers on April 26 this year to replace Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman whose term ended on April 25.

Tajol Rosli said the installation ceremony would be conducted with pomp to the accompaniment of the nobat, a main feature in ceremonies for the installation the Malay rulers through the ages.

The ceremony will begin with the inspection of a guard of honour by Sultan Salahuddin who will then proceed to the Throne Room with Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah to ascend the throne.

Tajol Rosli said that during the installation, the government keris would be presented to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong before he takes the oath of office.

This would be followed by shouts of "Daulat Tuanku" and a 21-gun salute to mark the end of the ceremony, he said adding that the ceremony would be telecast live over TV1.

He said the Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Raja Permaisuri Agong would attend several functions in conjunction with the five-day celebration of the installation.

In the afternoon of the same day, the Yang-di-Pertuan will open an exhibition, "Raja Kita" (Our King), at Muzium Negara before attending a tahlil ceremony at Masjid Negara.

On Friday, the royal couple will attend a children's tea party at The Mines and a banquet at Istana Negara at night.

Special sermons will be held during Friday prayers in mosques all over the country.

Tuanku Siti Aishah will visit the Kuala Lumpur Hospital's Paediatric Institute the following day.

A programme with the people will be held at Merdeka Square.

Their majesties will attend a musical at the National Theatre on Monday.

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