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BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE, UPGRADE SKILLS -ROYAL CALL TO PUBLIC SERVANT

SEREMBAN, Nov 8 (Bernama) -- The Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Almarhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman today urged public servants to gain more knowledge and upgrade their skills so that they can give the best service to the public.

He noted that public expectations had increased and hence civil servants should improve their administrative skills and be positive in their personal attitude.

Tuanku Ja'afar was opening the Budget session of the Negeri Sembilan State Legislative Assembly here. The Tuanku Ampuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan Her Royal Highness Tuanku Najihah, the Undangs of Johor, Rembau and Jelebu were also present.

He said apart from the manufacturing sector, the state government would also focus on the agriculture, livestock and fisheries sectors as they provided many employment opportunities particularly to the rural folks.

The poultry sector had been productive with current investment at RM386.5 million while the state produced 2.1 million kg of various types of vegetables in the month of March alone, he said.

The state government would step up the development of the tourism sector which made big contributions through foreign exchange earnings to the state's economy, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar said.

Tuanku Ja'afar noted that the state government had set up the Entrepreneur Development Centre with a view to training more entrepreneurs particularly Bumiputeras for the small and medium scale sector so that its products were of better quality and readily acceptable in the domestic and international markets.

Turning to the 10th Malaysia Games (Sukma) which Negeri Sembilan would host between May 28 and June 6 next year, he expressed the hope that the state government would not only prepare the necessary infrastructures but also give intense training to the state's Sukma contingent.

"As hosts of the 10th Sukma, all levels of the organising secretariat should give the best performance and service while the state's athletes must strive for excellence," His Royal Highness said.

On behalf of the people of Negeri Sembilan, the Yang di-Pertuan Besar expressed thanks to former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions to Malaysia in general and Negeri Sembilan in particular.

Tuanku Ja'afar also welcomed new Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and hoped he would continue with the visionary leadership.

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