

The King and Queen take their seats at the exhibition venue. In attendance are Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor.

Malay sultanate film for the world

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KUALA LUMPUR: A documentary on the history and heritage of the Malay Sultanate will be aired on the National Geographic channel by the end of the year.

Culture, Arts and Heritage Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim said the documentary, which was produced jointly with the National Film Development Corporation, is meant to promote Malaysia internationally.

He noted that so far, there had been no film on the Malay Sultanate here.

"We are proud to still have this system although we have gained independence for 50 years and are faced with global and regional situations," he said yesterday after the launching of an exhibition entitled "Raja Kita" by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin at the National Museum.

Rais said National Geographic has recorded several episodes on

the King and the full installation ceremony at Istana Negara last Thursday.

He said a lot more has to be done in terms of imparting knowledge to teachers and schoolchildren to enable everyone to comprehend that the Sultans and the monarchy are part and parcel of the government system.

"Perhaps we have not done enough in the past. Through this ministry, we hope to be able to tell the story of the Agong to the country and the world."

Rais said it is common in

countries which practise the monarchy system for the young to be uninterested in knowing about the system.

The exhibition on the King was presented to foster a closer relationship between the monarch and his subjects and also provide a better appreciation of the constitutional monarchy concept.

The exhibition will run for a month at the museum, followed by state-level exhibitions, publication of a book on the monarchy system and television documentaries.

