

'Live up to spirit of Rukun Negara'

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Embody ideals of the national principles in your daily lives, says King

KUALA LUMPUR: The Rukun Negara that was instituted 50 years ago as the basis of national unity is not merely to be upheld symbolically each time the pledge is recited on National Day.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah said that instead, the soul and spirit of the Rukun Negara should be appreciated and practised in all aspects of daily life.

"The five principles of the Rukun Negara form the formula of how the people of various races, religions, cultures and languages can overcome differences and diversity to live in peace and harmony.

"The Rukun Negara also demands a nation-state that is formed on the strength of strong religious beliefs, while the people are required to be loyal to the King who is the umbrella and symbol of the country's sovereignty," he said in his Royal Address, which was broadcast live by TV stations to mark the 50th anniversary of the Rukun Negara and National Day 2020 yesterday.

The celebration was held in Putrajaya.

The Yang di-Pertuan Agong also reminded all quarters to respect and defend all things that matter, including privileges and rights that had been agreed upon and enshrined in the Federal Constitution.

"Justice in this country is bound by laws that must be respected and



Royal honour: Sultan Abdullah saluting military personnel during the National Day 2020 celebration in Putrajaya. Looking on are (from left) Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Malaysian Communications and Multimedia Commission secretary-general Datuk Suriani Ahmad, Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah and the Prime Minister's wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman. — Bernama

complied with by every citizen, regardless of rank and title."

And in reference to the National Day, themed "Malaysia Prihatin"

(Malaysia Cares) this year, Sultan Abdullah congratulated the government for efforts made to strengthen the country's economy, as well as for

continuing to safeguard the welfare of the people affected by Covid-19.

His Majesty thanked the people for their resilience and determined

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spirit in facing the setback.

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"I am confident, if the spirit contained in the Rukun Negara continues to be appreciated and firmly embedded in the soul of every Malaysian, Insha-Allah, our country will continue to remain peaceful and harmonious, and become a strong and prosperous nation, with people that are united," he added.

His Majesty, together with the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah, also took the opportunity to pray for Malaysia to be protected and blessed with everlasting peace, harmony and prosperity, and for Malaysians to remain united. — Bernama