

# King bestows 'Royal Prof' title to scholar

**KUALA LUMPUR:** His Majesty the King of Malaysia Sultan Ibrahim bestowed the rank and title of Royal Professor on eminent Islamic scholar and philosopher Tan Sri Dr Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas in a ceremony at Istana Negara yesterday.

Syed Muhammad Naquib, 93, received the prestigious award for his services and contributions to the country, especially in Islamic education.

Present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and Higher Education Minister Datuk Seri Zambry Abdul Kadir.

Syed Muhammad Naquib is the founder of the Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation and is a thinker who is highly respected both at the national and international levels.

He pioneered the concept of Islamisation of knowledge, which is applied in various fields, including religious education, history, philosophy, theology, metaphysics, philology, semantics, literature and art.

Royal Professor is the highest and most esteemed professorship in Malaysia, bestowed by the King, and only distinguished professors who make valuable contributions to the country are eligible for the title. The first and only person awarded the title previously was the late Royal Professor Ungku Abdul Aziz Ungku Abdul Hamid in 1978-Bernama



The King and Anwar with Syed Muhammad Naquib at the event yesterday. - **BERNAMAPIC**