

**Step Up Momentum Of Success, Says Tuanku Muhriz
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KUALA PILAH, Jan 14 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negeri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir has urged the people of Negeri Sembilan to step up the momentum of success to enable the state to achieve a developed state status by 2020.

He said the people should also enhance their knowledge and skills to enable them to compete in the globalisation era.

"Let us strive with diligence and integrity to implement policies designed to ensure that the state achieve the developed state status by 2020," he said at an investiture ceremony in conjunction with his 64th birthday at Istana Besar Seri Menanti near here today.

Tuanku Muhriz, who later conferred state awards and medals on 157 people, said the people should safeguard harmony and unity that was achieved through racial tolerance.

He reminded the people not to be hoodwinked by certain quarters who were out to disrupt unity and erode the spirit of tolerance brought about by rapid socio-economic development.

Earlier, a royal guard of honour was mounted by three officers and 103 men from the 71st Royal Signals Regiment, Sungai Besi Camp led by Major Badrul Hisham Naser Nordin.

This was followed by a motorcycle and tattoo show by 50 members of the army's Red Warrior, including six women, under the tutelage of Major Ahmad Zaidi Shuib.

In his congratulatory speech and loyalty pledge, Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan said Negeri Sembilan's economic performance was satisfactory and projected to continue to grow.

He said in garnering the momentum of success, efforts to improve the well-being of the people would continue to remain a priority.

"God willing, with the trust and responsibility entrusted to state government leaders and me, we will continue to step up the state's development by upholding the principles of transparency, justice and the rule of law," he added.

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