

Queen Elizabeth II sends best wishes to new King
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PETALING JAYA: Queen Elizabeth II congratulated Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah on his installation as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong today.

"I wish you every success as you lead Malaysia, for a second time, on its continuing path of prosperity and as a force for good in the region and the world," she said in a message sent via the British High Commission.

The Queen, who is celebrating her golden jubilee on the British throne this year, said she fondly remembered Tuanku Abdul Halim's visit to Britain in 1974.

She added that she had watched with enormous admiration how Malaysia had grown while remaining true to its distinctive character and values.

The installation of Tuanku Abdul Halim is expected to be one of the most-watched events on television this year, not only because the ceremony is held once in five years, but also because it will be the second time the Kedah Ruler is taking the role of King.

Tuanku Abdul Halim had served as the fifth Yang di-Pertuan Agong from 1970 to 1975.

A special song to mark the event has been composed and will be performed during the royal banquet tonight.

Officials, however, are tight-lipped on the details of the song.

The Sultan of Kelantan Sultan Muhammad V, who is the Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong, will be among the Rulers or their representatives and 780 guests who will witness the installation of Tuanku Abdul Halim.

The Brunei royal household will be represented by its Crown Prince Pengiran Muda Mahkota Al-Muhtadee Billah ibni Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah.

Tuanku Abdul Halim's Kedah royal family will be represented by the Council of Regency chairman Datuk Seri Utama Tunku Annuar Sultan Badlishah while Tengku Seri Temenggong Raja Tengku Baharuddin Sultan Mahmud represents Terengganu.

The Yang di-Pertuas Negeri of Malacca, Penang, Sabah and Sarawak will attend on behalf of their respective states.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his deputy Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin will also witness the historic event.

RTM1 will air the ceremony on its *Selamat Pagi Malaysia* slot at 8am, ahead of its live telecast from Istana Negara from 9am.

TV3 will start airing the ceremony during its morning talk show *Malaysia Hari Ini*, followed by the live telecast from the palace from 9am.

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