

Grand concert fit for a King
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KUALA LUMPUR: The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah attended a royal concert steeped in tradition to mark his installation.

An elephant led hundreds of dancers to welcome the King and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Haminah Hamidun as they arrived at Dataran Merdeka for the concert.

The theme of the celebration was *Raja dan Rakyat Berpisah Tiada* (The King and His People Shall Never Part).

The King and Queen were greeted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman. Cabinet ministers and foreign dignitaries also attended the event.

Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and his wife Datin Seri Maznah Rais were also present.

Dr Rais proclaimed *Daulat Tuanku* three times and pledged loyalty to the King who was installed as the 14th Yang-di Pertuan Agong on April 11. This is his second reign.

The programme, which was telecast live, began with the performance of a traditional palace dance, the *Layang Mas*.

This was followed by cultural performances, including contemporary dances.

The participants included dancers from the Culture and Arts Department, Asthana Arts as well as popular artists like Jamal Abdullah, Noraniza Idris, Awie and Reshmonu.

It ended with a spectacular display of fireworks which wowed both young and old.

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