

Rais Hopes King's Speech Will Be Appreciated By All Malaysians

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KUALA LUMPUR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim has expressed the hope that Sultan of Kedah Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah's speech in conjunction with His Majesty's installation as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong will be appreciated by all Malaysians.

In his speech, the King had called on all Malaysians to work together to support the programmes and policies of the 1Malaysia concept.

Rais said the people should also appreciate the speech of loyalty by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak during the King's installation ceremony which hailed the importance of the royal institution in the advancement of the country.

"My hope is that during the five years of His Majesty's reign, harmony and development as well as the 1Malaysia concept which is the mainstay of the ambitions of the country with the royal institution itself a pillar of our beloved nation, can be translated into various programmes for the welfare of the people," he told reporters at Istana Negara here today.

Tuanku Abdul Halim, 84, was installed as the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong in a ceremony steeped in royal tradition at the new Istana Negara in Jalan Duta here Wednesday.

Tuanku Abdul Halim was elected the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong at the 226th Meeting of the Conference of Rulers on Oct 14 last year, succeeding Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin of Terengganu.

The ceremony today marked two historical significance for the country as well as for Tuanku Abdul Halim. Firstly, this is the second time that His Majesty was installed as the Yang di-Pertuan Agong, the first was as the Fifth Yang di-Pertuan Agong in 1970 at the age of 42.

Secondly, His Majesty is also the first to be installed at the new Istana Negara in Jalan Duta.

Rais, who is also the chairman of the installation ceremony, also said it went smoothly although rain in the morning affected the mounting of the Guard-of-Honour parade.

"However, the ceremony (His Majesty's inspection of the Guard-of-Honour) was held after the sun came back when His Majesty was leaving Istana Negara.

"It was held for the official records. Overall the traditions and contents of the installation ceremony is something for all Malaysians to value," he said.

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