

Retired Mustaza Feels Honoured To Be Recalled As Presenter For Agong's Installation
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KUALA LUMPUR, April 11 (Bernama) -- Former Radio RTM news presenter Mustaza Maah, 60, feels honoured to be recalled from his retirement to be the presenter at the 14th Yang di-Pertuan Agong's installation ceremony at Istana Negara here Wednesday.

Mustaza who had retired five years ago said he had not expected to be recalled to be the presenter of the glittering and historic ceremony with two of his former colleagues, Noraini Ibnu, 52, and Sallehuddin Ramlan, 56.

He told Bernama that though he had been part of installation ceremonies in the past, this year was special and significant because the installation of the Kedah Sultan Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah was held at the new Istana Negara.

Mustaza said his first assignment as presenter of Agong's installation ceremony was when the Sultan of Pahang, Sultan Ahmad Shah was crowned as the seventh Yang di-Pertuan Agong in July 1980.

"That year me, Noraini Ibnu and Sallehuddin Ramlan were given the task and for this year we were again given the honour," he said.

Mustaza said: "I thought the installation of the Sultan of Terengganu, Tuanku Mizan Zainal Abidin as the 13th Yang di-Pertuan Agong on April 26, 2007 would be my final episode since I retired three months after covering the installation.

"But being recognised again and being given the honour will remain a historic event for me."

Mustaza who had started his career in RTM as a part timer back in 1971 said being a presenter requires 100 per cent commitment and zero dependence.

"We must be focused and train for the event, especially events or accessions that have a very significant history," said Mustaza who was popular in the 70s as a presenter on the "suara hati" programme with Dalia Atan.

Meanwhile, Sallehuddin who is the head of Nasional FM division said prior to the installation ceremony, he had also presented the new Istana Negara ground breaking ceremony.

Noraini said though she had been involved in numerous official functions as a presenter, she was nervous when being part of Agong's installation since Datuk Maharaja Lela would be monitoring their every step.

"We were worried of many things but thank god everything went smoothly," said Noraini who is with Klasik FM.

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

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.

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