

Tunku Ahmad Nerang is Ideas' special adviser
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KUALA LUMPUR: The son of the country's founding father Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj has joined the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (Ideas) as its special adviser.

Tunku Ahmad Nerang's appointment was announced by Ideas' founding president Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin Tuanku Muhriz yesterday.

The think tank, inspired by the Tunku's vision of the country, aims to improve the level of understanding and acceptance of public policies based on the principles of the rule of law, limited government, free markets and free individuals.

Ideas was launched on Feb 8, 2010, which would have been Tunku Abdul Rahman's 107th birthday.

"To have the son of our Father of Independence joining us as a special adviser will give us even more impetus and inspiration to further discover, research and share the forgotten legacy of Tunku and his colleagues," said Tunku Zain in a statement here.

Last year, the University of Pennsylvania and the United Nations University ranked Ideas as the 18th best new think tank globally and second best new think tank in Asia in a survey of 6,480 think tanks in 169 countries.

"When my friends and I discussed the idea of a think tank in London in 2006, we never imagined that someday we would be recognised to the extent that we have been – in the media, by the international community of fellow think tanks and, most of all, by fellow Malaysians," said Tunku Zain.

He said Tunku Ahmad Nerang's participation in Ideas was "another milestone" for the think tank.

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