

Raja Muda Of Perlis Asks Malaysian Expats To Help The Country
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MELBOURNE, Dec 6 (Bernama) -- The Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail, on Wednesday night threw his weight behind the TalentCorp programme, urging Malaysians here to help their nation's development.

He said TalentCorp was an excellent plan that sought the services of qualified Malaysians in various sectors.

"You might be living abroad but you can still help Malaysia with your expertise and knowledge," he said at a dinner to coincide with a TalentCorp meeting held at the home of the Malaysian Consul General here, Dr Mohd Rameez Yahaya, and his wife, Noor Zulaikha Nangaie.

It was attended by about 80 Malaysian professionals, investors and business people.

The Raja Muda, who was accompanied by his wife, Raja Puan Muda Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil, said Perlis needed overseas investment and tourist dollars.

"We don't want to be left behind as Malaysia moves to 2020," he said. "We welcome your ideas, investments and your support."

He said it was heartening to see Malaysian companies expanding overseas, and singled out SP Setia for its huge projects in many countries, including Australia.

He said it was a pity that not many made the effort to enjoy the varied attractions of Perlis.

"We don't have five-star hotels, but you will appreciate our hospitality. So come visit Perlis."

He said Malaysia had achieved a lot since independence and the future was very bright with good policies.

Tuanku Syed Faizuddin said he had fond memories of "wonderful Melbourne".

"My wife and I finished our schooling here and later studied at La Trobe University in the 80s. We had a wonderful time here," he said.

Barrister William Lye, in welcoming the royal couple, said such visits would foster good relationship between Australia and Malaysia.

Lye, who is the principal representative of the World Chinese Economic Forum in Australia, said despite living abroad, Malaysians continued to have a great affinity towards Malaysia.

"We love to see Malaysia progress and prosper," he said.

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