

Malaysia's Monarchy Ensures 'Check And Balance' Mechanism Effective - Raja Muda Of Perlis
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KUALA LUMPUR, June 6 (Bernama) -- Malaysia's monarchy is not only of historical and sentimental significance to the nation, but also plays important role of ensuring effectiveness of 'check and balance' mechanism that strengthens its democratic institution, says the Raja Muda of Perlis Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail.

He said besides being heads of the Islamic religion and protector of Malay custom, the royal rulers played a key role by giving ideas and views for socio-economic and educational development.

"As the head of a country or state, the ruler serves as a pillar of stability and the source of justice and unity," he said when closing a seminar on the monarchy institution organised by Universiti Malaysia Perlis (UniMAP), in Kuala Lumpur, Thursday.

Also present was his consort, Tuanku Hajah Lailatul Shahreen Akashah Khalil.

Tuanku Syed Faizuddin, who is also UniMAP chancellor, said the Federal Constitution had some major spirit implied including developing a peaceful, stable, united and prosperous independent nation, which could be achieved through unity of the people from all backgrounds.

"The Constitution was formulated to ensure that justice prevails, giving fair protection to both the strong and weak, and the majority and minority.

"The monarchy however needs to be closer to the people so that the community feels that the rulers care for them," he said.

Tuanku Syed Faizuddin suggested that the media, whether print or electronic, help highlight the various programmes involving the royalty so that the people were aware that the monarchy was ever relevant.

On the globalisation process and the presence of the new media which had disputed the monarchy institution, he said it should not be seen as a weakness or threat, but as an opportunity to highlight the positive side of the monarchy to society.

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