

PM congratulates Tuanku Muhriz on birthday

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KUALA LUMPUR: Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim congratulated Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir on the ruler's 76th birthday yesterday.

In a post on Facebook, Anwar prayed that Tuanku Muhriz, Tuanku Ampuan Besar Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud and the entire royal family will always be blessed with His grace and be granted good health, prosperity and sovereignty.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun headed the list of 473 recipients of state awards, medals and honours on the royal birthday.

Amiruddin said the state government had strengthened further with the changes in the state's political landscape after the 15th General Election (GE15).

He said the political consensus through the formation of the unity government (after GE15) had resulted in a political ceasefire in the country, and this had also been felt in Negri Sembilan.

"Alhamdulillah, thanks to this consensus, the people in the state and the country live more peacefully compared with foreign countries that live in war zones and years for peace," he said during his congratulatory speech and loyalty pledge in conjunction with the 76th Birthday of the Yang

di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir at Istana Besar Seri Menanti here yesterday.

Aminuddin added that his government was ready for development plans and leaders' consensus in the state to meet the expectations and aspirations of the people, ensuring that the state's wealth and prosperity remain sustainable.

Aminuddin said the state government was moving forward by having launched the Negri Sembilan Development Plan 2021-2025 and the Negri Sembilan Digital Economy Plan 2027, based on the key principle of economic prosperity, and promoting digital economic development until 2027.

He stated that the gross domestic product (GDP) of the state for this year was estimated to be moderate and growing between four and five per cent, with the still slow economic growth expected to be felt by the people, especially in the rising cost of living.

Therefore, he said, the state government was devising various initiatives to shape spending patterns early to ensure the sustainability of various focus areas, including empowering the people's economy, welfare, education and service delivery to the people.

Aminuddin said the state government was committed to continuing joint ventures with potential investors, both domestic and foreign, with Negri Sembilan remaining a choice for investors.

“As a result, the Malaysian Investment Development Authority (Mida) reported that, until the third quarter of last year, a total investment of RM3.14 billion was recorded in Negri Sembilan,” he said.

He underscored that the state government always upheld the Adat Perpatih system practised in Negri Sembilan and would continue to defend its sovereignty. **Bernama**

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