

Focus on unity, says ruler

67TH BIRTHDAY: 132 conferred state honours, medals by Tuanku Muhriz

ELVINA FERNANDEZ

KUALA PILAH
elvina@nst.com.my

GIVE importance to multiracial unity in the nation, Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir yesterday urged Malaysians during an investiture in conjunction with his 67th birthday.

In a packed Istana Besar Seri Menanti here, Tuanku Muhriz said it was important for every citizen to learn from the peace that prevailed in the nation and to appreciate the security and harmony achieved.

“Our speech, deeds and morality must always be maintained so as not to trigger sensitivity or invite an atmosphere of unrest in the nation.”

Tuanku Muhriz urged the people to understand the true concept of unity that was not limited by skin colour or religion, but through



Yang di-Pertuan Besar Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir conferring an award on state executive councillor Tun Hairudin Abu Bakar at the investiture at Istana Besar Seri Menanti yesterday.
Bernama pic

good relationships, honesty and tolerance among one another.

“There will always be differences of opinion, however, what is more important is that these differences are celebrated positively.”

Tuanku Muhriz also expressed his sympathy for flood victims in the east coast.

“I am thankful that my state was

spared the disaster that affected so many people’s lives.”

Tuanku Muhriz said the state’s achievements were something to be proud of.

“Negri Sembilan is in the best position to achieve developed-state status.”

The ruler was accompanied by Tunku Ampuan Besar of Negri Sem-

bilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Almarhum Tengku Besar Mahmud.

Present were Negri Sembilan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan and his wife, Raja Datin Seri Salbiah Tengku Nujumuddin, and State Secretary Datuk Mat Ali Hassan.

Some 132 individuals were conferred state honours and medals by Tuanku Muhriz.

Former Universiti Putra Malaysia vice-chancellor Professor Emeritus Tan Sri Dr Mohd Rashdan Baba headed the list of recipients when he was conferred the Darjah Seri Utama Negri Sembilan award, which carried the title “Datuk Seri Utama”.

Tengku Syarif Bendahara Perlis Datuk Seri di-Raja Syed Badarudin Jamalullail Ibni Almarhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail was the sole recipient of the Darjah Setia Tuanku Muhriz Yang amat Terbilang award, which carried the title “Datuk Seri”.

Domestic Trade, Cooperatives and Consumerism Minister Datuk Seri Hasan Malek and Sime Darby Bhd president and chief executive officer Tan Sri Mohd Bakke Salleh were the two recipients of the Darjah Seri Setia Negri Sembilan Yang Amat Cemerlang award, which carried the title “Datuk Seri”.