



INSTALLATION OF THE 12th YANG DI-PERTUAN AGONG

Supplement

ROYAL ACCLAIM

TUANKU was a fine athlete during his younger days. He once broke a state record in discus and also had keen interest in football.

It is easy for his subjects to meet Tuanku and the country's sporting community stands to benefit during his tenure as King.

- Perlis Amateur Athletics Association secretary Iyaru Muthusamy



TUANKU is always happy in the presence of his subjects. His Majesty even knows almost everyone in my family. I wish Tuanku well during his term as the nation's King.

- Government officer Zainudin Osman, 47

TUANKU is very punctual for all official events. His Majesty's punctuality is first class to the extent that the police outriders must keep track of their motorcycles' speed to ensure that accurate times were observed for official events or ceremonies.

Tuanku's consort, Tengku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid, is very friendly. She takes the trouble to shake hands with almost everyone present during official functions.

- Agong's former ADC Mej. Jamaluddin Zainal Abidin.



TUANKU often drops by my stall (at Padang Katong). He is very friendly and always waves to people who greet him

- Fruit seller Ismail Bakar, 55



WELCOME.... The Yang di-Pertuan Agong is greeted by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on his arrival at the Finance Ministry early this month.



MALAYSIA'S OWN ... The King takes a closer look at the KL Minardi Formula One car at the Sepang F1 circuit early last month during the Petronas Malaysia Grand Prix. Looking on are Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Minardi team principal Paul Stoddart and drivers Mark Webber and Alex Yoong.



AT THE HELM ... His Majesty taking in the view during a ride on the Express Rail Link to the KL International Airport with Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik (right) and Express Rail Link Sdn Bhd executive chairman Datuk Mohd Nadzmi Mohd Salleh.



ROYAL ATTENTION The Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Syed Putra Jamalullail visits a weaving exhibit after His Majesty's installation as Universiti Teknologi Mara (UiTM) chancellor on March 7 this year.

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TUANKU once visited the town's wet market where he ordered food from a hawker stall. This shows that His Majesty is a very humble and down-to-earth person.

- Roti canai seller Che Jan Maurut, 36.

I NEVER expected that Tuanku would become the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in such a short time as it was only two years ago that he was installed as the Raja of Perlis. It is a blessing for a Royal who makes it easy for the public to approach him.

The Istana staff pray that more blessings will be bestowed on His Majesty.

- Driver Kifli Laham, who has served the King for 10 years.

I ONLY have to phone Tuanku to inform him of his appointments. He is a simple boss. When someone is on leave, Tuanku would rather not call on the employee. He would rather settle the issue himself.

At times, Tuanku prefers to drive himself to visit the villages in Arau. His Majesty even once dropped by (when he was the Raja Muda of Perlis) to comfort my father-in-law, who had taken ill.

- Istana Arau's administrative assistant Suhinin Sheriff.



TUANKU is a easy person to approach despite the air of royalty which surrounds him

- Businessman Zailan Din, 46.

TUANKU represents the finest traits of a Ruler as he is noble, friendly and kind to his subjects.

Tuanku rarely loses his temper when dealing with Istana Arau staff and he dislikes too much protocol when dealing with the public.

While he observes protocol when necessary, Tuanku at times surprises palace staff by how easy it is to approach him over Istana matters.

Tuanku also makes it a point to attend the "kenduri" of Istana Arau staff, especially during weddings, and also pays his respects when there is a death in a palace staff's family.

- Mohamad Sokri Husin, who served as the private secretary to the King, when he was the Raja of Perlis.

A King for all occasions



HEAD OF ISLAM ... The King addresses the about 5,000 crowd during the national level Ma'al Hijrah celebrations at the Stadium Putra in Bukit Jalil last month.



FRIDAY PRAYERS ... The King meets with the Friday prayer congregation at the State Mosque in Butterworth in January this year. With him is Penang deputy chief minister Datuk Dr Hilmi Yahaya.



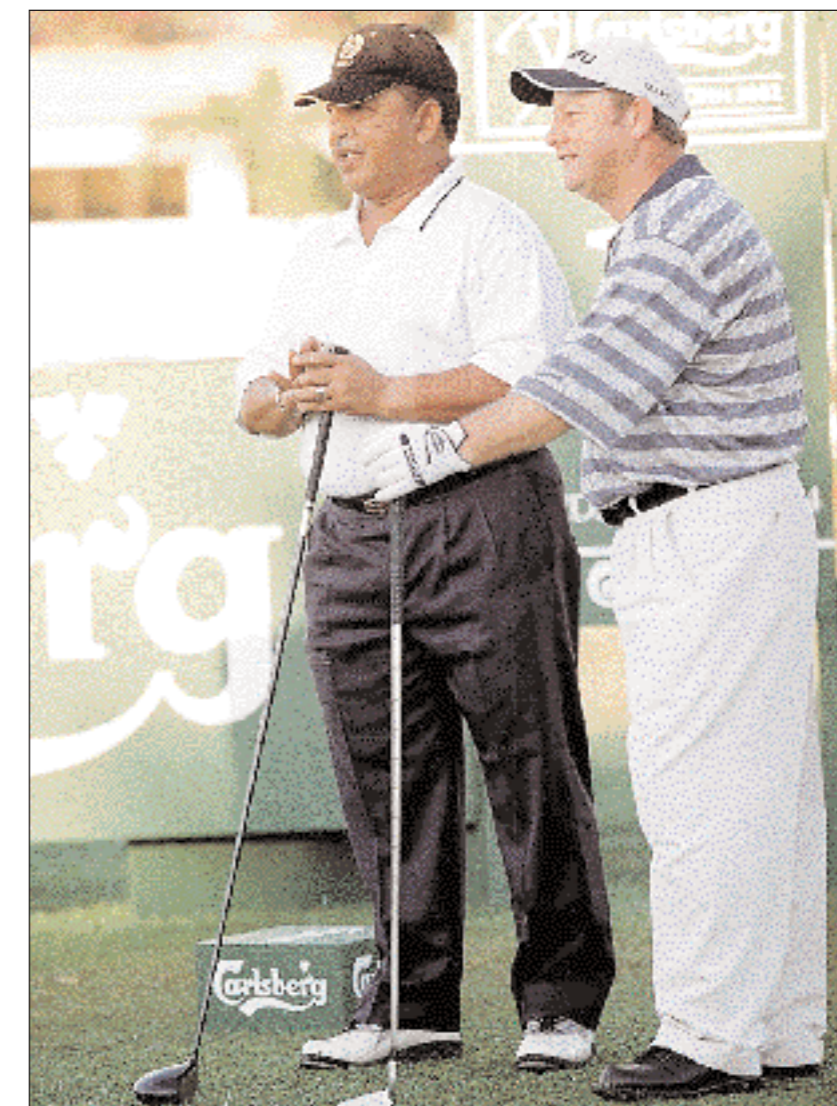
OPEN HOUSE ... (from left) The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, Raja Permaisuri Agong, Raja Muda and Raja Puan Muda of Perlis receive well-wishers at Dewan Warisan in Perlis during a Hari Raya open house in December last year.



A DAY TO REMEMBER ... The King gives away the Sportsman of the Year Award for 2001 to shuttler Roslin Hashim on April 10.



WORLD CHAMPS HONOURED ... The King with the German hockey team after the European side won the World Cup, which was held in Kuala Lumpur last month. On His Majesty's left is Perak Sultan and Malaysian Hockey Federation president Sultan Azlan Shah.



TIPS FROM A PRO ... The Yang di-Pertuan Agong, who is a keen golfer, chats with Welsh golfer Ian Woosnam before teeing-off in the Pro-Am of the Malaysian Open at the Royal Selangor Golf Club on Feb 26 this year.