



## Press Release

### **Never Again: Negeri says we must not repeat mistakes of the past**

Seri Menanti, 14/1/19 – In a ceremony to commemorate DYMM Tuanku Muhriz ibni Almarhum Tuanku Munawir's 71<sup>st</sup> birthday today, DYMM Tuanku reminded his subjects to learn from the mistakes of the past and to pave a way of a better future for the country.

*“We must learn from the past. If we fail to do so, history will repeat itself. Never Again should our public resources be exploited for people’s personal benefit. Never Again should our Institutions be blocked from performing their duties. Never Again should we lose our ability to take action against those who betray the public trust. I hereby urge everybody at all levels, Not to waste this opportunity, for the betterment of our country”.*

DYMM Tuanku Muhriz also said that the State Government’s leadership must be trustworthy persons of honour, living with principles. The Government should set a good example by working on initiatives that are beneficial for the people, and work for the continuous peace and development of the State.

In addition, DYMM Tuanku also reminded his Government and subjects to be mindful of the slowing global economy and its potential impact to the country. He urged the State Government to work closely with the Federal

Government and to enhance collaboration with the private sector and the rakyat on inclusive action plans to weather the potential economic slowdown.

He emphasised that in Negeri Sembilan, the economic contribution from the agriculture and tourism sectors have yet to be fully optimised and that the State has a wealth of value to contribute here.

Tuanku also shared his concern over the level of social integration between races, which he believes is lower compared to 30 or 40 years ago.

*“In a multiracial country like Malaysia, the social relationship between races is extremely important. Mutual understanding and respect between one another will guarantee a harmonious and unified community. Remember the motto that appears on our Jata Negara or Coat of Arms, which is, Bersekutu Bertambah Mutu, or, Unity Is Strength”.*

He added, that the spirit of camaraderie between races can be developed at an early stage through sporting activities and intellect-based games such as chess and e-sports, as well as, co-curricular activities like Scouts, Girl Scouts, Red Crescent and others.

DYMM Tuanku congratulated the Menteri Besar for successfully preparing the 2019 State Budget and urged State agencies to continue their efforts in executing the projects in line with it.

DYMM Tuanku then ended his speech by congratulating the Recipients of Honours in conjunction with his birthday celebrations. He reminded them to uphold their virtues as these awards are not just mere titles, but also represented the recognition and honour of the Negeri Sembilan Royal Institution that must be upheld with utmost dignity.