



Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir heading to his 75th birthday celebration at Balairong Seri, Istana Besar Seri Menanti, in Negri Sembilan, yesterday. With him is Tunku Ampuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud. BERNAMA PIC

## POLITICAL STABILITY

# 'Put country's interests above self'

**KUALA PILAH:** Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir yesterday said leaders who were given the mandate by the people must serve and put the interests of the country above their own.

He said this was because the conflict and narrow political culture depicted Malaysia as an unstable and fragile country.

"Although there are differences in ideologies and agenda among us, I am sure there are similarities, especially in the agenda for development and people's welfare to establish a more prosperous country."

He said this at the state investiture ceremony held in conjunction with his 75th birthday celebration at Balairong Seri, Is-

tana Besar Seri Menanti, near here.

Tunku Ampuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud was in attendance.

Tuanku Muhriz called on leaders to defend, protect and implement the principles of the *Rukun Negara*, in addition to paying attention to the principles of the supremacy of the constitution and the rule of law, which are related to the concept of separation of powers.

"The separation of powers must continue to exist so responsibilities can be executed without interference and disturbance, thus avoiding abuse of power and ensuring justice for all parties."

He said Negri Sembilan's economic recovery continued to be strong, with a growth of three per cent.

This was due to the state government's efforts in dealing with post-Covid-19 challenges, as well as strategies to boost inclusive economic growth.

Tuanku Muhriz congratulated the state government for recording a total revenue collection of RM521 million last year, exceeding the initial target of RM432 million.

However, he said, the outlook for the world economy this year was expected to be bleak and likely to experience a slowdown, with Malaysia not being spared.

Therefore, he urged the state government to strengthen its co-operation with the federal government to deal with recession challenges.

He called on the public sector to improve the efficiency of governance and management systems, as well as the delivery of services to the people.

"It (public sector) needs to realise this effort continuously, based on the principle of working transparently, ethically and with integrity.

"The public sector plans the course of administration, the process of formation and implementation policies introduced by the government." Bernama

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