

FEDERAL TERRITORIES DAY

# 'GOVT TO HELP PEOPLE FACE UNCERTAIN GLOBAL ECONOMY'

Sultan Muhammad V happy private sector, NGOs helping government to realise development plans

KUALA LUMPUR

**Y**ANG di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V yesterday expressed confidence that the government will come up with innovative ways to help the people face the uncertain global economy.

Sultan Muhammad V said he was happy with the cooperation extended by the private sector and non-governmental organisations to the government to realise development plans for the people.

"As we all know, the global economy remains uncertain. This situation has a direct impact on the people, especially the low-income group," he said at the investiture in conjunction with Federal Territories Day at Istana Negara here.

The king also reminded the people of the importance of unity and expressed hope that it would be strengthened.

"For Malaysia, which aims to be among the top countries of the world in terms of economy, the wellbeing of the people and social innovation through National Transformation 2050, understanding and unity among the people of various races and religions should be nurtured for the success of the nation," he said.

Present were Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi and Federal Territories Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor.

His Majesty reminded civil servants, as the backbone of the government administration, to prioritise integrity when carrying

out their duties to ensure that government plans and policies were implemented properly and effectively.

He said it was hoped that the excellence of the Federal Territories administration could be continued.

The king expressed gratitude to the many initiatives of the Federal Territories Ministry, which were implemented for the wellbeing of the people in the federal territories.

He named some of the successful initiatives, such as the "Baiti Jannati" programme to repair houses and settle housing loans taken by the hardcore poor, the "Kad Ceria" discount card programme, the use of biodegradable products, care for the homeless and management of water.

"I congratulate the Federal Territories Ministry and all the people of the federal territories for their outstanding achievement in 2017 in terms of programmes for the people and governance of organisations.

"*InsyaAllah* (God willing), by continuing to use creative and comprehensive approaches, including people-centric ways, and by going down to the ground for the benefit of society, regardless of race, religion and ancestry, the federal territories will continue to produce excellence for the wellbeing of the people," he said.

A total of 370 people were conferred awards and medals in conjunction with the 2018 Federal Territories Day.

Employees Provident Fund chairman Tan Sri Samsudin Osman was the sole recipient of the Seri Utama Mahkota Wilayah (SUMW) award, which carries the



Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V with Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak and Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ahmad Zahid Hamidi at Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. BERNAMA PIX

title Datuk Seri Utama.

Twenty-two people, including New Straits Times Press chief executive officer Datuk Abdul Jalil Abdul Hamid and city police chief Datuk Mazlan Lazim, received the Seri Mahkota Wilayah (SMW) award, which carries the title Datuk Seri, while 69 received the Panglima Mahkota Wilayah (PMW) award, which carries the title Datuk.

Thirty-nine people were awarded the Johan Mahkota Wilayah (JMW); 71 received the Kesatria Mahkota Wilayah (KMW); 74 received the Ahli Mahkota Wilayah (AMW); and, 94 awarded the Pingat Pangkuan Mahkota Wilayah (PPW). **Bernama**



Yang di-Pertuan Agong Sultan Muhammad V awarding the Pangkuan Mahkota Wilayah medal to national paralympic athlete Faridul Masri at Istana Negara in Kuala Lumpur yesterday.

## AWARD RECIPIENTS AT FEDERAL TERRITORIES DAY INVESTITURE

### Seri Mahkota Wilayah (SMW)



Datuk Seri M. Saravanan



Datuk Seri Ahmad Husni Hussain



Datuk Seri Rohani Abdullah



Datuk Seri Mohd Zuki Ali

### Panglima Mahkota Wilayah (PMW)



Datuk Azizah Nawawi



Datuk Salmah Pin



Datuk Zurinah Pawanteh



Datuk Badriyah Ab Malek



Datuk Zainal Izlan Zainal Abidin