



NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

# KING: UPHOLD RUKUN NEGARA AT ALL TIMES

They form the formula for people of various races and faiths to live in peace and harmony

KUALA LUMPUR

**T**HIS year's National Day celebration will definitely be etched in the minds of Malaysians as it marks the first time such an event was held under the new normal of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Restrictions on public gatherings, however, did little to dampen the spirits of Malaysians, who chose to express their patriotism on social media.

Using the hashtags #Malaysi-

aPrihatin and #MomenNegaraku, the people shared pictures of flying the Jalur Gemilang and expressed hope that Malaysia would continue to prosper.

For the first time, Dataran Pahlawan Negara in Putrajaya was chosen as the venue of the National Day celebration, themed "Malaysia Prihatin" (Malaysia Cares). The event was limited to dignitaries, members of security forces and related personnel to ensure the ceremony was run in accordance with the standard operating procedure to curb the spread of Covid-19.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong Al-Sultan Abdullah Ri'ayatuddin Al-Mustafa Billah Shah and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tunku Hajah

Azizah Aminah Maimunah Iskandariah, who graced the event, were greeted by Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin and his wife Puan Sri Noorainee Abdul Rahman.

After singing the national anthem *Negaraku*, their majesties left for the multipurpose hall of Dataran Pahlawan

Negara where the king delivered the royal address in conjunction with National Day.

The king, in his address, said the Rukun Negara, instituted 50 years ago as the basis of national unity and formation of the country, was not merely to be upheld symbolically each time the

