



Down-to-earth Ruler

Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir celebrates his 74th birthday today.

Humble and approachable Ruler



Tuanku Muhriz receiving a speech text from Aminuddin at a sitting of the state legislative assembly.

ASK anyone who has personally encountered Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir to describe the Ruler, and the first words you will hear are “humble”, “approachable” and “down to earth”.

These qualities are what Negri folk admire most about their beloved Ruler, who is often ready to roll up his sleeves and join the rakyat, whether to stir a wok of dodol at a community event or pick up trash during the clean-up of a local market.

Tuanku Muhriz, who celebrates his 74th birthday today, is also widely respected in the legal fraternity as someone who champions justice for all.

This passion for the rule of law goes back to the Ruler's days as a law student at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth (now called Aberystwyth University).

Graduating with an LLB (Hons) in 1970, Tuanku Muhriz may have gone on to carve an illustrious career in the corporate world, but the law has always been dear to his heart.

Speaking at the opening of the Tuanku Ja'afar Law Conference and Workshop 2021 organised by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) in December, the Ruler drove home the importance of natural justice and the principles of fair play.

Touching on the theme of the conference, “Access to Justice: Substantive and Procedural Issues”, Tuanku Muhriz stressed on the importance of upholding human rights.

“Everyone has a right to seek remedy by equal access to the laws of the country and the right to be judged fairly without fear or favour,” the Ruler said.

“This right must be available to anyone regardless of his or her social status, political, religious or ethnic background.”

Despite being soft-spoken, the Ruler does not mince words when it comes to duty and service.

“Equally, the government has the duty to enforce the laws of the country against perpetrators who infringe on the rights or safety of others, as well as against those who damage the nation itself by their actions whether by physical means or by misappropriation of the country's assets.

“The task of achieving the

correct balance of competing claims between legal protagonists and protecting society is incumbent upon lawmakers, the legal fraternity and ultimately the judiciary,” Tuanku Muhriz said before launching the conference.

The Ruler is also always prepared to lend his support to community causes.

When a mobile vaccination centre was set up by Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM (named in the royal's honour) in the royal town of Seri Menanti to ensure that those in rural communities would not miss out on their Covid-19 vaccinations, the Ruler and his two princes visited the site to encourage locals to participate in the effort.

In Negri Sembilan, the efforts of frontliners in the battle against Covid-19 did not go unnoticed by the Ruler too.

When opening the Negri Sembilan state Legislative Assembly sitting last September, Tuanku Muhriz made special mention of the “extraordinary individuals” who worked tirelessly on the front lines and behind the scenes to fight the pandemic.

While expressing his gratitude to all those involved for their commitment and dedication in the fight, the Ruler reiterated that it was a united front that helped the state move quickly into Phase Three of the National Recovery Plan.

The welfare of his subjects is always a main concern for the Ruler. When Covid-19 struck, many folks lost their incomes and were unable to put food on the table.

Tuanku Muhriz said that to ease the plight of those most affected, the state government had allocated RM30mil to fund initiatives that included handing out food baskets to needy families and individuals, purchasing oxygen tanks for hospitals and making contributions to the next of kin of Covid-19 victims.

The state government also exempted stall owners from paying rent for four months to relieve the burden of small business owners.

Three months' rent and leasing fees were also waived for 3,395 housing units under the state government's public housing project and the People's Housing Project.

One-off cash contributions were also channelled to heads of households who had lost their incomes due to the pandemic.



Tuanku Muhriz, accompanied by Aminuddin (centre), meeting state assemblymen outside Wisma Negri.



Tuanku Muhriz being greeted by Aminuddin (left) upon the state Ruler's arrival to open the state legislative assembly sitting.



Istana Besar Seri Menanti in Kuala Pilah is the official residence of the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan.

The Ruler also urged everyone to practise the new norms to break the chain of infection and lighten the load placed on frontliners.

Besides observing standard operating procedures set by the Health Ministry, Tuanku Muhriz said the new normal would include greater access to digital services for both urban and rural communities.

The Ruler expressed his confidence in the implementation of Gerbang Digital Negri Sembilan, which will provide digitalised services in various fields including the economy, education, business, entrepreneurship, agriculture and tourism.

“Because of the pandemic, we've had to face situations that had

never before crossed our minds.

“Let this serve as a lesson for us to always be prepared and united in facing any challenge that comes our way,” he said, calling for concerted efforts by community and religious leaders as well as NGOs to be stepped up to break the chain of infection.

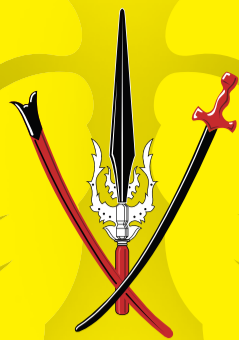
Stressing that the fight against the virus was far from over, Tuanku Muhriz asked for continued commitment from assemblymen and community leaders to ensure that no member of society was left unaided or unattended.

The Ruler, who expressed his gratitude to Mentri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun and the state government for ensuring

that all state development efforts remained on the right track, also advised assemblymen to set aside personal interests and work together with integrity and accountability towards achieving common goals and to honour the trust placed in them by the rakyat.

“Those in positions of authority should reflect on their actions and carry out the duties accorded to them for the benefit of the rakyat.

“Mutual understanding and cooperation will ensure that all public services are delivered in a more efficient and effective manner,” he said, urging assemblymen to serve with sincerity to realise common objectives for the benefit of the rakyat.



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Tuanku Muhriz (right) performing his prayers at Masjid Negeri in Seremban in conjunction with the Maulidur Rasul celebration.



(From left) Tunku Zain with squash athletes Saurav Ghosal of India and Aifa Azman of Malaysia and Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia president Gerard Monteiro at the National Squash Centre in Bukit Jalil in November 2021. — IZZRAFIQ ALIAS/The Star

Charitable and beloved royals

BORN in the royal town of Seri Menanti on Jan 14, 1948, Tuanku Muhriz Tuanku Munawir was the sole male heir to the ninth Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan, Tuanku Munawir Tuanku Abdul Rahman, and Tuanku Ampuan Durah Tunku Besar Burhanuddin.

The grandson of the country's first Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Rahman Tuanku Muhammad, Tuanku Muhriz spent his childhood in Negri Sembilan, attending Tuanku Muhammad School in Kuala Pilah, Tunku Besar School in Tampin and later King George V Secondary School in Seremban.

At just 12 years old, he was made Tunku Laxamana, second in rank among the Putera Yang Empat or four senior princes.

The following year, he was appointed Tunku Besar Seri Menanti, the most senior rank among the four princes, a title he held until he ascended the throne as the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan on Oct 26, 2009.

The young prince furthered his studies abroad and completed his O- and A-Levels at Aldenham School, a prestigious boarding school in England.

It was at this school that Tuanku Muhriz honed his love for music, playing guitar and leading a band called The Prince and the Paupers.

The Ruler, who enjoys jazz and music from the 1960s with The Beatles being among his favourite bands, still strums his guitar whenever he has the chance.

This love for music is something Tuanku Muhriz has passed on to his second prince, Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin, an accomplished pianist and the patron of the Euroasia Association of Performing Arts, which is dedicated to the education, development and promotion of performing arts in Malaysia.

After finishing his studies at Aldenham School, the Ruler attended the University of Wales, Aberystwyth (now Aberystwyth University) – a notable university that has turned out some distinguished students like HRH Prince of Wales – where he read law and was a keen sportsman.

Graduating with an LLB (Hons) in 1970, Tuanku Muhriz headed home to Malaysia, where he joined the corporate sector and built a career spanning banking, finance and advertising.

Although the Ruler did not practise law, his contributions to



Tuanku Muhriz (centre) visiting villagers in Kampung Datuk Mansor, Seremban, in November 2020, after the area was affected by flash floods. Flanking him are his sons Tunku Ali (on Tuanku Muhriz's right) and Tunku Zain. — SARBAN SINGH/The Star

the corporate world and charitable initiatives earned him an Honorary Fellowship from his alma mater Aberystwyth University in 2014.

Soon after returning to Malaysia, the Ruler met his other half while they were both working in a bank.

On April 25, 1974, Tuanku Muhriz tied the knot with Tunku Ampuan Besar of Negri Sembilan Tuanku Aishah Rohani Tengku Besar Mahmud, a member of the Terengganu royalty.

The royal couple were blessed with three princes – Tunku Ali Redhaudin, Tunku Zain Al-'Abidin and Tunku Alif Hussein Saifuddin Al-Amin.

Tuanku Muhriz has always contributed to charitable causes and was a member of the Rotary Club Kuala Lumpur Diraja, lending his time and effort to causes that encompassed education, healthcare and social welfare.

The Ruler continues to offer his support to initiatives that better the lives of the less privileged.

Tuanku Muhriz has received many accolades for his tireless efforts. The Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia Medical Centre, one of the country's best teaching hospitals, was renamed Hospital

Canselor Tuanku Muhriz UKM in his honour.

His support for healthcare in aid of impoverished communities in Malaysia and the advancement of surgery also earned him an Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons Edinburgh.

Tuanku Muhriz is a family man who enjoys spending time with Tuanku Aishah Rohani and their children. His passion for service has also rubbed off on his two eldest princes, who are equally dedicated to causes that range from education to the performing arts.

Tuanku Aishah Rohani is the Chancellor of Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia (USIM) and the royal patron of the Inner Wheel Club of Kuala Lumpur – a branch of International Inner Wheel, one of the largest women's service voluntary organisations in the world.

The saying that charity begins at home couldn't ring truer for this royal family.

Yayasan Munarah, named in honour of Tuanku Muhriz's parents Tuanku Munawir Tuanku Abdul Rahman and Tuanku Ampuan Durah Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, was one of the first

initiatives undertaken by the Negri Sembilan royal family just months after Tuanku Muhriz ascended the throne.

In his role as Yayasan Munarah board of trustee chairman, the couple's eldest son, Tunku Besar Seri Menanti Tunku Ali Redhaudin, continues to serve the less privileged in our midst.

Since the foundation's launch, millions of ringgit has been channelled for various efforts to help the underprivileged, including providing financial aid to deserving students, regardless of race or religion.

Born on April 26, 1977, Tunku Ali completed his GCSE and A-Levels at Marlborough College in Wiltshire, England, before pursuing a degree in History and Social and Political Science at Cambridge University.

The prince worked abroad for a number of years but since his return, he has been actively involved in charitable causes.

He is currently on the board of trustees of Teach for Malaysia, a non-profit dedicated to ensuring that Malaysian children have equal educational opportunities, and is the chairman of wildlife NGO

WWF-Malaysia.

He also completed a Master in Public Administration at Harvard Kennedy School, the public policy and public administration school of the prestigious Harvard University in the US, and is USIM's Pro-Chancellor.

The royal couple's second prince Tunku Zain was born on July 6, 1982. Following in his older brother's footsteps, the prince spent his formative years at Marlborough College.

Tunku Zain pursued tertiary education at the London School of Economics and Political Science, graduating with an honours degree in Sociology and Government, and later with an MSc in Comparative Politics.

The prince is founding president of the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs (Ideas), and sits on the board of several corporations as well as non-profit organisations.

A newspaper columnist, passionate speaker, gifted musician and avid sportsman who enjoys squash and tennis, Tunku Zain is a prince who wears many hats.

The prince is a trustee of Yayasan Munarah, Yayasan Chow Kit and the Jeffrey Cheah Foundation. In 2020, he was also made Pro-Chancellor of UCSI University.

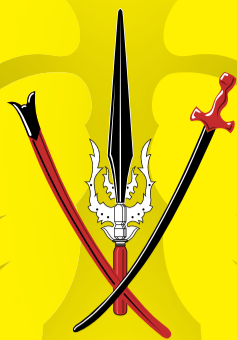
As the president of the Negri Sembilan Squash Association, Tunku Zain is a driving force in the development of the state's sporting talent.

The state has produced several stellar squash players, including US Junior Open champion Harleem Tan.

The royal couple's third child, Tunku Alif Hussein Saifuddin Al-Amin, was born on Sept 3, 1984. Hands-on parents, Tuanku Muhriz and Tuanku Aishah Rohani took up courses in the therapy and treatment of children with special needs in the United States in order to give Tunku Alif, who was born with special needs, the best possible start.

So dedicated were the couple that they also designed a programme to help nurture their son's abilities and enhance his quality of life.

Tunku Alif was doted on by his parents and older brothers until his passing on Jan 15, 2016. To this day, the royal family continues to lend their support to initiatives that raise awareness of and extend help to individuals with special needs.



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Lending a helping hand

THE Covid-19 pandemic and the ensuing economic meltdown has impacted Negri Sembilan's growth and the rakyat's well-being, but the state administration remains committed to helping the people cushion the effects of the pandemic.

Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Aminuddin Harun, who took over the reins of the state government in 2018, says although the pandemic has derailed several initiatives, his administration has risen to the challenge by finding new ways to increase revenue and help the rakyat.

"When the federal authorities enforced the movement control order in May 2021, almost all economic sectors in the state were impacted and unable to operate.

"Property development, construction, quarry and sand mining and tourism were among the worst hit sectors, which affected revenue," he said.

Due to this situation, the state was only able to collect RM397.4mil in revenue for 2021, compared to the initial RM448mil target projected for the whole of 2021.

But Aminuddin said the relevant government agencies had been working doubly hard to increase revenue collection by adopting new strategies.

The state government had done exceptionally well in 2020, he said, when it managed to collect almost RM448mil or 98% of the projected revenue despite the tougher conditions due to Covid-19.

"We have been doing our best to neutralise the effects of Covid-19 on our economy and are extremely proud that we managed to collect the projected revenue for 2020 despite being affected by Covid-19 for months.

"For the record, we had also managed to attract investments totalling RM7.93bil in 2020, which was the highest ever in the state's history, and we are not going to slow down," Aminuddin said.

In December 2020, he launched Invest NS 2021 to keep the momentum going and attract more local and foreign investors to the state.

This initiative has been successful so far, with the state securing some RM2.2bil in investments in the first half of 2021.

"We expect to get RM5bil in investments for 2021 which will help create 1,274 jobs.

"Things are also expected to improve as an economy expert from Universiti Putra Malaysia has forecast the state to register a GDP of between 2.3% and 3.3% for 2021," he said, adding that the outlook for 2022 was even better with GDP of between 3.2% and 4.2%.

The state has also been prudent in managing its income and had reserves totalling almost RM900mil as of Nov 15, 2021.

"For the 2022 budget, a sum of RM520mil has been set aside and we are expecting a revenue of RM432mil, a deficit of RM88mil.

"The budget prioritises the post-Covid-19 economic recovery agenda with the entire focus given to initiatives that can boost the state's economy," he said.

His administration, through the state Economic Planning Unit, has also developed the Negri Sembilan Development Plan (2021-2025) to further bolster its economy.

The mid-term plan, he said, focuses on the fiscal and macroeconomy, entrepreneurship and small- and medium-scale industries, human capital, natural resources utilisation and high value sector.

Apart from revitalising the domestic economy, the move will help reduce the financial burden of the rakyat and improve household income via the implementation of various programmes.

A total of 52 existing and new



Aminuddin with representatives from small- and medium-scale companies involved in the infrastructure sector after presenting them with initial capital to carry out their projects. The capital, allocated from a RM5mil revolving fund, aims to assist these contractors who were hard hit by the Covid-19 pandemic.



Aminuddin presenting a land title to a recipient from the Felcra Rompin A scheme in Jempol. The settlers, who have their own rubber smallholdings, have been working on the land since the early 1980s.

initiatives involving a sum of RM64mil will be carried out this year for the rakyat which include financial assistance programmes, cash grants, non-financial incentives and other supporting aid.

Aminuddin said to produce more micro-entrepreneurs, the state government will provide a grant of RM3,000 each to individuals under the Negri Sembilan Entrepreneur Fund (TUNS) this year.

As of last November, 4,147 individuals had benefited from the programme, which was launched in 2019.

Citing an example, he said Siti Aisah Saharudin, who successfully applied for the grant in November 2020, had managed to increase her monthly income from RM2,000 to RM5,000 after she used the grant to venture into the catering business.

"We have received positive feedback on the programme so far with many success stories. This will be continued in 2022 with an allocation of RM3mil from the state government," he said, adding that this will benefit 1,000 entrepreneurs.

The TUNS Plus programme, launched in 2021, will also be continued. Under the programme, entrepreneurs will be eligible to apply for interest-free loans of up to RM15,000 to expand their businesses. Another RM3mil has been set aside for this.

As of November, the state government had approved 213 applications from those involved in the food, services, agriculture, beauty, textile, automotive, construction, handicrafts, medical, telecommuni-

cations and information and communications technology and retail industries.

Aminuddin said his administration has also decided to launch another programme known as Halal Cottage for those keen to run small-scale businesses from the comfort of their homes.

Under this initiative, individuals can apply for a grant of up to RM5,000 to upgrade their premises and to buy related equipment. A sum of RM500,000 has been set aside for this.

The state government, he said, will also help some local entrepreneurs market their products.

"We will spend RM2mil to upgrade a souvenir shop at the Taman Seni Budaya complex near the state museum, which will be turned into a hub to display such products," he said, adding that the centre will also be turned into a tourist destination.

He said to get more graduates involved in the agriculture sector, the state government will also continue with the Siswazah Tani initiative known as INSIST9.

"Those keen will be given a grant of up to RM10,000," he said, adding that RM500,000 has also been allocated for this programme, which aims to reduce unemployment among graduates.

Since its launch in 2020, a total of 119 graduates have benefited from the programme.

He also shared the success stories of Khairul Syakirin Mohamad, a graduate in Sport Science who ventured into chilli farming in



Aminuddin's business-friendly administration has been working hard to attract investors to the state even during the pandemic. Here, Aminuddin is being briefed during a visit to a project site.

Tampin in 2019, and Tan Sie Jie, a diploma holder in hotel management who started growing vegetables in Jempol in mid-2020.

"Khairul Syakirin's farm produced 9.6 tonnes of chillies worth RM96,000 last year while Tan, who had a much bigger plot of land, managed to earn an income of RM140,000 with her produce weighing 35 tonnes," he added.

He said non-graduates will not be left out as they too can apply for grants under a separate programme known as Petani Muda.

Aminuddin said the initiative, launched in 2021, has been well received with eligible youths also being given grants of up to RM10,000 each to venture into the agriculture sector.

An additional RM500,000 has been set aside for the Petani Muda programme.

"My administration will also continue with the programme to turn idle land into agricultural areas and RM1mil has been set aside to those who are keen to take part.

"Those eligible will be given assistance, including equipment worth up to RM15,000 per hectare," he said, adding that this will also help increase food supply in the state.

Aminuddin said the state government will also set up a RM3mil Agro Fund to help those who are successful and wish to venture into agriculture on a bigger scale.

"We will form a strategic partnership with Agro Bank to help those who are keen to go big in agriculture.

"Those eligible will be able to

apply for interest-free loans of up to RM50,000 and expand their business," he said.

Aminuddin said the fishermen community will also be given aid from the state government.

A new initiative known as Insentif Galakan Nelayan (Ingen) has been launched with an allocation of RM500,000.

"Under the scheme, fishermen will be able to apply for grants of between RM5,000 and RM15,000 to, among others, buy equipment and repair their boats. To be eligible, they will have to get the necessary verification from the related government agencies," he said.

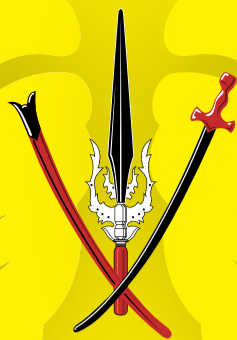
And to ensure that hawkers can continue to ply their trade in a clean environment, the state government will spend RM1mil to relocate them to new sites.

He said in 2021, the state government had approved 18 new centres, with a total of 273 lots in seven areas, to allow them to operate in a more conducive environment.

Aminuddin said the state government will also set aside RM200,000 to organise job fairs to help more people, especially those retrenched due to Covid-19 and unemployed graduates, secure employment.

He expressed hope that the people of Negri Sembilan will grab the opportunities being made available by his administration in 2022.

"It is also my hope that the relevant government agencies and departments will assist the rakyat who wish to take up these offers so that our aim to help as many people possible is realised," he added.



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Warm wishes to a beloved Ruler

The Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negri Sembilan has captivated the hearts of his subjects with his humble, soft-spoken demeanour and for always being prepared to set aside palace protocol. On the occasion of his 74th birthday, the people of Negri Sembilan extend their best wishes to their much beloved Ruler. Daulat Tuanku!



"Having joined programmes organised by Yayasan Munarah, I know the Ruler prioritises education and has extended a lifeline to many students from underprivileged backgrounds, regardless of race or religion. I wish our Ruler continued health and happiness. Daulat Tuanku!"

Pauline Lee Yoke Li, 50
Business owner



"My friends and I from Rotary Seremban once had an audience with Tuanku Muhriz at the palace to invite him to our installation dinner. Tuanku agreed to attend but said we were not to present him with any expensive gift and reminded us that any funds raised for charity should be used for charitable causes."

B. Satwant Singh, 51
CEO NSFC Sdn Bhd



"I had the chance to meet Tuanku Muhriz and his consort Tuanku Aishah Rohani when I emceed at a wedding. The royal couple were so graceful as they made their way into the hall, putting aside all protocol to chat with the other guests. They made time for everyone, even obliging to take photographs."

Faizal Mohd, 40
Senior executive



"I have read reports of Tuanku donating blood when the state's blood bank supply was running low, going to the ground with a garbage picker to support cleanliness campaigns and attending the activities of non-governmental groups. Tuanku constantly thanks those who work for the betterment of the people."

Khairina Asra, 40
Customer relations officer



"I've had the honour of meeting Tuanku Muhriz several times through the Rotary Club of Senawang. Tuanku is always eager to learn about what the club is doing and to inculcate good values in the young. The Ruler often stresses the Rotary motto – Service Above Self – and leads by example."

Revd. Samuel D. John, 69
Secretary
Rotary Club of Senawang



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"I saw firsthand how humble Tuanku Muhriz and Tuanku Aishah Rohani were when they visited NSCMH Medical Centre two years ago. They spent a lot of time chatting with the patients and making them feel comfortable, especially the dialysis patients."

Jason Lee, 42
Chief Financial Officer



"I saw Tuanku Muhriz by chance in November 2020 near Kg Abok, where the Ruler was visiting flood victims and giving them aid. I saw smiles on the faces of the victims, some of whom had lost almost everything, after they met Tuanku."

P. Harpreet Singh, 53
Harbour pilot



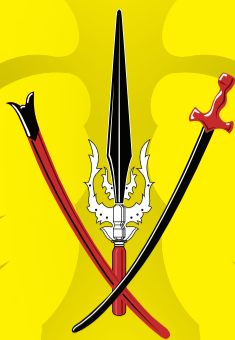
"Tuanku Muhriz is a big supporter of developing sporting talent. Anyone who has met the Ruler on the court or after a game will know that the Ruler epitomises the spirit of sportsmanship."

Thavanesan Panchalingam, 38
Executive
Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club
president



"I once ran into Tuanku Muhriz in Kuala Lumpur. I was nervous to approach Tuanku, but his smile put me at ease and Tuanku even made time for a quick chat. Tuanku is so down to earth with his subjects, who hold him close to their hearts."

Mohd Suffian Abdul Murad, 55
Special officer to managing
director



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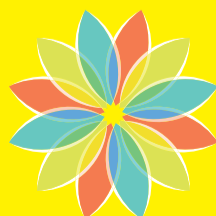
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"A Ruler who supports charitable and community causes, Tuanku often emphasises the need for Malaysians to respect one another. I am proud to have Tuanku as my state Ruler."

Yvonne Chong, 53
Chairman
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Negri Sembilan Chinese
Assembly Hall



"Tuanku always speaks about the importance of high moral values and the need to inculcate such values in the minds of our young like the traditional Malay saying 'melentur buluh biar dari rebungnya' (it is easier to bend bamboo from its shoot)."

Nor Shakila Ahmad
Safaie, 36
Administrative assistant



"I was caught off guard when Tuanku Muhriz and his prince Tunku Zain greeted my eight-year-old son and gave him words of encouragement after a tennis friendly at the Royal Port Dickson Yacht Club. We will cherish the moment forever."

Mohana Gayathri
Thangaraju, 39
IT executive



"Tuanku has the interest of his subjects at heart as he often reminds the state lawmakers to be 'persons of honour' and carry out their duties responsibly. Tuanku is always there to support the rakyat and remind those in position to be individuals of high integrity and dignity."

Chin Soong Kead, 63
Museum curator



"When Covid-19 struck, Tuanku was concerned that many people would struggle to put food on the table. To ease the plight of those affected, the Ruler supported many charitable initiatives, including providing food baskets to the needy. Tuanku is truly the people's Ruler."

Athmest Tay Soon Boon, 53
Hairstylist



"Tuanku always reminds his subjects to remain united and foster goodwill between all races. Tuanku has stressed that this unity in diversity can only be strengthened if everyone, irrespective of race or religion, is respectful of one another."

K. Mahalingam, 59
Restaurant operator



"Tuanku is loved by all for his affable demeanour. The Ruler always stresses the need for Malaysians to live in harmony and care for one another. The Ruler truly cares for his subjects and always supports programmes for the people."

Nor Fadzlina Rasli, 39
Chief clerk



Crooners Arumugam and Sudirman colour one wall along Lorong Seni Seremban.

VISITORS to Seremban now have a new attraction to see in the heart of the city. Thanks to a backlane beautification project, Seremban's once-gritty and unremarkable alleys have been transformed into a vibrant open-air gallery with freshly painted walls and pavement art.

Lorong Seni Seremban, which stretches 250m from Jalan Dato Sheikh Ahmad to Benteng Walk here, features Instagrammable murals on every wall.

Over a three-month period last year, six local artists were commissioned by the Seremban City Council (MBS) to create works of art for the project.

MBS mayor Datuk Masri Razali said the council was applying to the *Malaysia Book of Records* to list the lane as the country's longest continuous art lane.

"We want to convey a message to visitors, through the murals, to oppose the stigma attached to back alleys and graffiti art," he said.

Masri added that the state government had approved an allocation of RM500,000 which included funds for the beautification project, as well as the Perpatih bazaar, a tourist information centre.

Tampin-born artist T.K. Lai, who painted 12 of the over 30 pieces that decorate the lane, said he was proud to be a part of the project.

"This has been a labour of love for me and a way to give back to my home state.

"The murals give a good impression of the city to visitors and I hope that everyone will play their

Nostalgic works of art



A nostalgic mural depicting a rickshaw puller against a village backdrop.

part in ensuring the pieces are not vandalised," he said.

Lai's favourite mural is an image of the frontman of legendary local band Alleycats, Datuk David Arumugan, and national icon Datuk Sudirman. The piece is fittingly close to a site where buskers perform.

Another highlight that will bring back memories of yesteryear is the back wall of a former cinema that is now emblazoned with recreations of movie posters like Bruce Lee's *Way of the Dragon*, *El Dorado*, *Pendekar Bujang Lapok* and old Bollywood hit *Yaadon Ki Baaraat*.

Movie fans will also recognise silver screen legends like the late Tan Sri P. Ramlee and Saloma, stars

of 1950s and '60s box office hits.

A special piece that Lai designed showcases the images of Saloma and P. Ramlee painted on a collapsible gate. When one side of the gate is open, visitors will see Saloma and if only the other is pulled back, it's P. Ramlee who is visible.

Both stars only appear together when both gates are shut.

The new additions also include murals of vintage advertisements.

Many visitors love to pose for photos with a 1970s era Malaysia Airlines stewardess, a boy relishing his bowl of Maggi noodles and a woman enjoying her bottle of F&N soda – symbols that those in their sixties and seventies will

remember fondly.

The artists have also captured vignettes of everyday life from days gone by, including a rickshaw puller and his customers.

To boost the economy in the area, business owners also have the opportunity to open stalls at night, when the area is illuminated with decorative lights.

Also interesting are the pavements that now showcase bricks painted to form tanglung, kolam and batik patterns.

The murals are an extension of a pilot back lane beautification project launched by MBS in 2019.

The project includes several streets – Jalan Dato Sheikh Ahmad, Jalan Dato Lee Fong Yee and Jalan Tunku Hassan – that cut across the Negri Sembilan capital's main arteries of Jalan Tuanku Munawir and Jalan Dato Bandar Tunggal.

These works of art range from colourful sketches measuring 1.5m by 1.8m to dramatic 6.1m-wide and 12.2m-high scenes covering entire walls, as well as large eye-catching designs painted on the road.

Existing elements such as water pipes, hydrants, air-conditioning units, vents and windows were also integrated into the designs, lending them a realistic 3D effect.

Among the pieces that now embellish the walls is Tin Mining

Sungai Ujong, one of the project's larger works and a nod to Seremban's roots as a town that flourished on the back of the tin trade. Other designs were inspired by local icons, historical figures and the trades that traditionally occupied the buildings the murals are painted on.

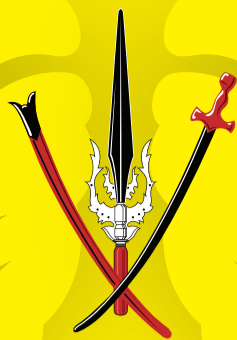
These include the late Malay Regiment hero Sergeant Hassan Othman, who was born in Kampung Pantai near here and whose brave exploits were the subject of the popular P. Ramlee-starrer *Sarjan Hassan*.

On a wall behind a bank, one image that makes passers-by do a double take is the imposing figure of a Sikh guard in the full garb of the British colonial police, who appears to be guarding an ATM alongside his Caucasian counterpart.

Sari-clad Indian women balancing earthenware pots, Malay tarian lilin dancers and a kampung scene featuring a family making dodol are images that celebrate culture and tradition.

Masri said a study was under way on how to make the city more pedestrian- and tourist-friendly.

"The study aims to implement the safe and walkable city concepts as well as introducing the tourism-friendly city concept to make it easier for tourists to explore the uniqueness of Seremban city," he said.



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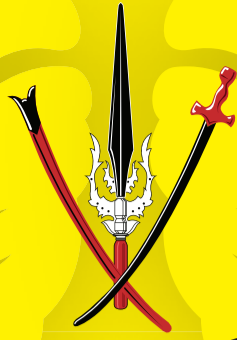
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