

Sultan Nazrin — deputy Agong with sound ideas, constructive criticisms

KUALA LUMPUR — Sultan Nazrin Shah, elected Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong, is well known as a Ruler who always gives sound ideas and constructive criticisms.

Born on Nov 27, 1956, the Sultan of Perak is the eldest child of the late Sultan Azlan Shah and Tuanku Siti Bainun Mohd Ali.

He holds a doctorate in Economics, Politics and Government from Harvard University, and also numerous posts including Chancellor of Universiti Malaya and Universiti Sultan Azlan Shah, and Honorary Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford University.

He was also appointed Member of the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors, Oxford University, and Eminent Fellow at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia.

Sultan Nazrin is also the Financial Ambassador of the Malaysian International Islamic Financial Centre and a member of the High-Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing

at the United Nations conference on refugees.

His contributions as a member of the panel received accolades, including from Bulgarian President Rosen Plevneliev at a High Level Conference on measures to tackle the large movement of refugees and migrants held in conjunction with the UN General Assembly in September.

Sultan Nazrin was proclaimed the Sultan of Perak in May 2014 following the death of his father.

Married to Raja Permaisuri Perak Tuanku Zara Salim, they have a son, Raja Kechil Besar Perak Raja Azlan Muzaffar Shah, eight, and a daughter, Raja Nazira Safya, five.

He was appointed the Regent of Perak when he was the Raja Muda after his father was elected the ninth Yang di-Pertuan Agong from April 1989 to April 1994.

In one of his constructive criticisms, he urged government-linked companies headed by Malays to do more to uphold the

national language.

Perak Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Zambry Abd Kadir told *Malay Mail* on Saturday Perakians were elated over his appointment as Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong.

He said the new Yang di-Pertuan Agong and Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong are from the younger generation.

“This augurs well for the country as it moves forward with the new effort by the country's leadership to go on the next phase of development,” he said.

Former deputy domestic trade and consumer affairs minister Tan Sri S. Veerasingam said Sultan Nazrin mixed well with the people.

“Sultan Nazrin goes to the ground to meet the people who have grown fond of the Ruler,” he said.

“Sultan Nazrin will make a great Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong as he always speaks his mind and tells the people what is best for them.”

