

Insight into Johor royal family

Exhibition to give rakyat better knowledge on traditions and customs of sultanate



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JOHOR BARU: The public who wish to get the 101 on the history of the Johor sultanate should head to the ongoing royal expo at Persada Johor international convention centre here.

In conjunction with Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar's coronation, a month-long exhibition has been set up to give his subjects an opportunity to take a look at the royal family's life.

The exhibition, which runs until April 25, gives an in-depth introduction into the history of the state's royal family from the first sultan until the current sultan of modern Johor.

Visitors will be delighted to see the 1947-make shiny black Cadillac at the entrance of the exhibition which was the very car that was used during the coronation of the late Sultan Ismail ibni Almarhum Sultan Ibrahim and Almarhum Sultanah Aminah in 1960.

The Makhota Jauhar Junjungan Negeri exhibition also includes photographs of the current Sultan, Permaisuri and their princes and princess through the years.

A National Archives spokesperson said that the objective of the exhibition was to give the rakyat better knowledge of their Sultan and the traditional and regal customs practiced by the royal family on special occasions.

"There are also interactive tables available where visitors can view the events attended by Tuanku on the touch screen panels.

"Visitors can also snap a photo



Regal: Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim and the Permaisuri Johor Raja Zarith Sofiah Almarhum Sultan Idris Shah admiring the photo-paintings and photographs displayed at the royal exhibition held in honour of his coronation at Persada Johor international convention centre.

of the QR Code available on the display walls to receive information and a walk through of the exhibition on their smartphones," he added when met at the launch here on March 28.

There are about 168 frames of photographs and paintings of the Johor Sultan and the royal family attending historical events with various leaders, some dating back to 1855.

Besides that, the impressive royal crown and diadem worn respectively by Sultan Ibrahim and Permaisuri Raja Zarith Sofiah during the coronation last Monday (March 23), is also on display at the expo.

Visitors can view the headgear – encrusted with diamonds of different shapes and sizes and various precious stones – as well as the royal blue silk robes and accessories worn by the royal couple during the grand ceremony.

The exhibition will be made available for a week each at the nine other districts in Johor when Tuanku attends high tea sessions with the people to celebrate his crowning.



Impressive: Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim ibni Almarhum Sultan Iskandar's children Tunku Temenggong Tunku Idris Iskandar (left), Tunku Panglima Tunku Abdul Rahman (right) and princess Tunku Aminah (middle) looking at the interactive screen on display.



Crown of glory: Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim I and Permaisuri Johor Raja Zarith Sofiah looking at the royal crown worn during the coronation.



First visitors: Johor Ruler Sultan Ibrahim and Permaisuri Johor Raja Zarith Sofiah signing the attendance book at the entrance of the exhibition in honour of his coronation. – Photos by LIM CHENG KIAT