

AGENCIES INITIATED BY TUN ABDUL RAZAK STILL RELEVANT

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KUALA LUMPUR, March 11 (Bernama) -- All agencies and institutes initiated by former prime minister Tun Abdul Razak Hussein are still relevant to the country, said Universiti Tun Abdul Razak (Unitar) pro chancellor Tun Ahmad Sarji Abdul Hamid.

He said the late Tun Razak, the Father of Development, was a visionary for initiating agencies and institutes still relevant to all levels of society until today.

"Other than the agencies and institutes, Tun Razak also left a heritage in the form of an efficient administration to serve the people," he said after presenting the lecture "Tun Razak-Father of Development" at Unitar city campus here today.

The agencies and institutes established by Tun Razak are Majlis Amanah Rakyat (Mara), Tabung Haji, Federal Land Development Authority (Felda), Federal Land Consolidation and Rehabilitation Authority (Felcra), Malaysian Industrial Development Finance Berhad (MIDF), Malaysian International Shipping Corporation (MISC) and the Malaysian Agriculture Research and Development Institute (Mardi).

Tun Razak also initiated the New Economic Policy (NEP). He said the bodies and policies introduced by the country's second prime minister should be continued and improved adding managing the legacy of Tun Razak would pose a challenge to the government.

Earlier in his lecture, Ahmad Sarji said Tun Razak left a rich legacy of institutions and values for the benefit of future generations.

"In the National Economy Policy (NEP), Tun Razak left behind a priceless heritage. Malaysia also embarked on an agricultural revolution which transformed the country into the world's largest producer of rubber and palm oil."

He said Tun Razak's achievements in national development aimed at improving the lives of the rural and urban population won him a permanent place in the hearts of Malaysians who conferred him the title "Father of Development."

"No historian will be able to write of Tun Abdul Razak, or for that matter write the history of Malaysia since independence without referring to his plans for rural development," he added.

The Tun Abdul Razak Lecture Series is the first of four in conjunction with the birthday of Tun Razak today and to pay tribute to the wisdom, strategic and visionary efforts by the great leader whose foresight and integrity had raised the country's status.

Unitar will be organising the other three lectures in May, July and November.

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