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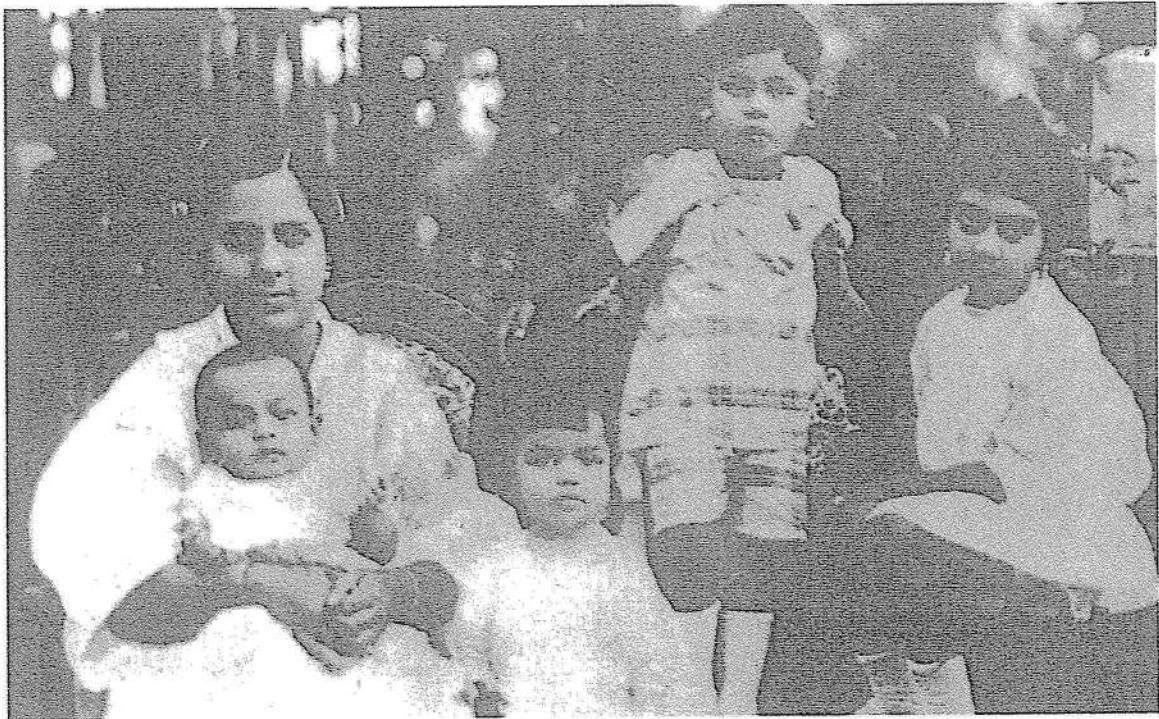
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*F*ew on this land come close to resembling him. And fewer still share his versatility, good-nature, dedication, compassion and all-rounder personality. As a scholar, philosopher, keen sportsman and distinguished diplomat, he claims broad and lengthy admiration among his people. As Ruler of his country and state, he earns his subjects' love and reverence for the unreserved depth of his compassion, and the countless improvements he has brought to their lives. Few have given to their states or made their subjects feel so proud to be a Malaysian than this Ruler.

He is His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman, the present Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia.

His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar assumed the highest order of office on the 26 April 1994 as the 10th Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia. With His Majesty's accession, the office of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong thus comes to a complete cycle. Where his father, His Majesty the late Al-Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Muhammad, once ensconced as the first Yang di-Pertuan Agong of Malaysia, the throne is now passed to His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar.

His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar's monarchical and diplomatic skills trace back more than 30 years. It was on April 17, 1967, that he was elected the 10th Yang di-Pertuan Besar (Sovereign Ruler) of Negeri Sembilan. Since that coronation day of unbridled pomp, pageantry and hopeful optimism, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar has proved to be an unending force of many changes to his home state, Negeri Sembilan Darul Khusus.



In leading the state towards economic prosperity, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar has become the force behind the tremendous socio-economic progress in Negeri Sembilan. It has been his aspiration to create a realistic and achievable utopia where people of all races live in harmony and where poverty is minimal or nonexistent. He also aspires to see job opportunities increased, economic growth heightened and, above all, the continued flourishing of cultural recreation enjoyed by all his subjects, both poor and rich.

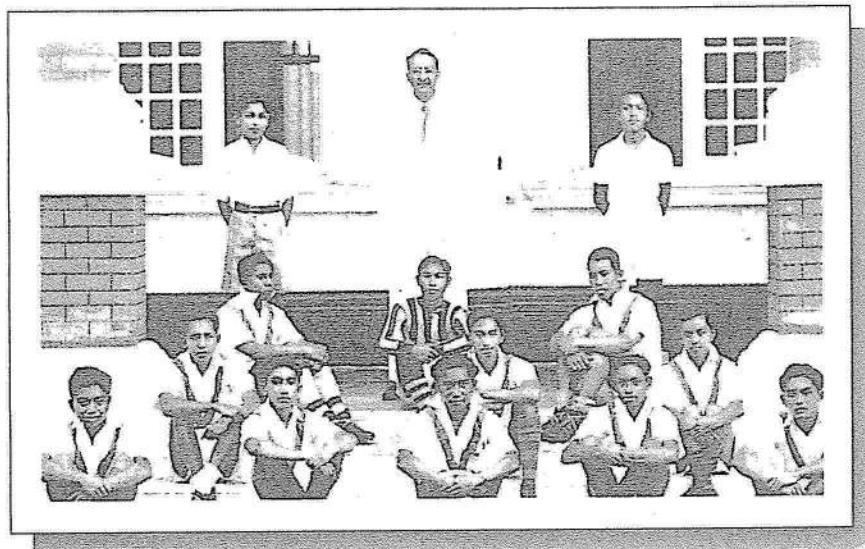
It is said that a man's early education has a lot to do with his later accomplishments. If this is so, then His Majesty has much to thank for his formative years in Negeri Sembilan and Perak. Born on July 19, 1922, in the Royal town of Klang, Selangor, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar received his early education at the Seri

Menanti Malay School in Kuala Pilah, Negeri Sembilan, from 1928-1933. For the next seven years, from 1933-1940, he was at the Malay College, Kuala Kangsar, Perak.

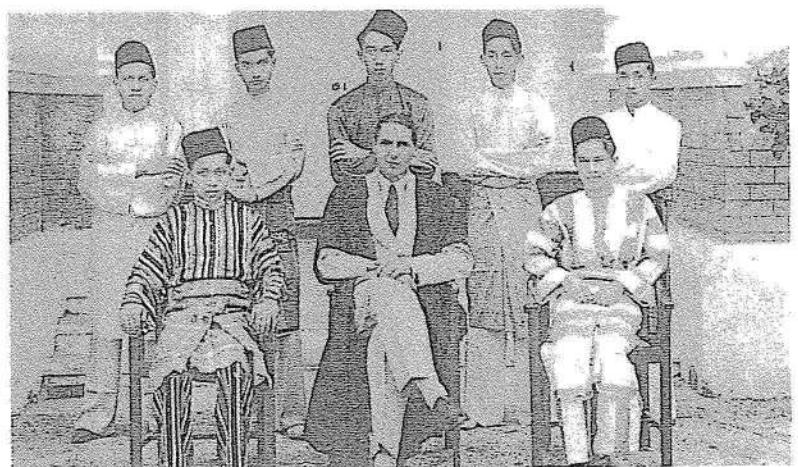
The Malay College has often been referred to as the Eton of the East, not so much for its snobbishness and exclusivity, but rather for the fact that many of Malaysia's guiding light in politics, administration and business had their secondary education there. The alumni of MCKK read like a veritable 'Who's Who' of Malaysia, and to be able to rise up to the position of headboy in this circle of tomorrow's leaders is a feat in itself. This, His Majesty accomplished in the class of 1939-1940.

*His Majesty as a child.  
from right:  
Elder sister Tunku Aidah,  
His Majesty, younger sister  
Tunku Sheilah, mother Che  
Engku Maimunah and  
younger brother Tunku  
Abdullah in his mother's  
arms.*

*His Majesty excelled in both studies and sports and represented MCKK in cricket, soccer and hockey.*



It was a cheery time for this young schoolboy with his ardent love for education when he set foot in the campus of Raffles. It was, however, a gloomy time in the rest of the region.



*His Majesty, front left, was more than just a brilliant student. He was an example to his peers.*

In 1940, with his secondary education over, he went to the Raffles College in Singapore. More than half a century ago, Raffles was the premier institution for tertiary education in British Malaya and Singapore. Unfortunately, in 1940, the storm clouds of conflict were gathering momentum and threatened to unleash themselves on the innocents of the many land and islands of Asia Pacific.

His Majesty's hopes for higher education sank with the "Repulse" and the "Prince of Wales". For a moment he was stunned, like many others in the Empire on which the sun never set. Then reality set in and he returned to Japanese occupied Malaya. Quite unexpectedly, this interruption in his education resulted in a blessing in disguise. It gave the young Ruler an opportunity to serve his home state with a stint at the Land Office in Seremban, Rembau and Kuala Lumpur.

When the Second World War ended, His Majesty joined the Malay Administrative Service and served as the Assistant District Officer, Rembau, from 1946-47. In 1948, he left for the United Kingdom on a scholarship to further his studies. A nascent interest in law, peace and order led His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar to pursue a law degree at the reputable Nottingham University. That same interest also took him to Oxford University (Balliol College) to study Economics.

In 1952, four years after he joined Nottingham, he returned to the waiting arms of the Malayan Civil Service. His Majesty was posted to Perak as the Assistant State Secretary; Assistant District Officer, Parit; as the District Officer of Tampin, Negeri Sembilan.

But the call to learn and the urge to broaden his horizon soon led him to venture into a diplomatic career that would later lend him a learned, fair and cosmopolitan outlook. Thus, in 1956, he spent a year pursuing a Diplomatic Service Course in London. His Majesty enrolled at the London School of Economics where he majored in Diplomacy and French. Instinctively, His Majesty had known that this marriage of law, economics and Diplomacy should someday springboard him into an illustrious diplomatic career.

What began as a characteristic yearning to understand the world around him, turned into a most exciting and illustrious phase in His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar's life. On his first diplomatic posting, he was sent to Washington D.C. as Charge D' Affairs at the Malayan Embassy in 1957. Later, he took up the appointment as First Secretary of the Malayan Permanent Mission at the United Nations in New York 1957-1958.

For the next five years, from 1958 until 1963, London became the next venue for his home. Based on an impeccable track record of service, he became the First Secretary and Trade Counsellor at the Malaysian High Commission in London. Later, he was promoted to Counsellor and then the Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom.

THE TRUE CALLING OF HIS MAJESTY  
MUST BE IN THE FIELD OF DIPLOMACY.  
AS MALAYSIA'S REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WORLD, HE WAS ABLE  
TO DISCHARGE HIS DUTIES WITH DEDICATION AND FINESSE.



His Majesty at the  
Economic Commission  
for Asia and the Far  
East (ECAFE)  
Conferance held in  
Teheran, Iran,  
in 1964.

As Charge  
D'Affairs in  
Washington, D.C.  
1957.

That track record continued to harness one commendable post after another. By now, few would not already know of His Majesty's remarkable diplomatic record. He was the natural choice for the distinguished post as Ambassador to the United Arab Republic from October 1963 until September 1965 and later as the Malaysian High Commissioner to Nigeria and Ghana.

AS A PRINCE OF NEGERI SEMBILAN  
HE MADE MANY TRIPS BACK TO HIS ANCESTRAL LAND.

Upon his ascension  
to the Throne of  
Malaysia, His Majesty  
made another journey of  
rememberance and  
homage to Pagar  
Ruyong.

Picture shows Their  
Majesties with some of  
the Chieftains of  
Minangkabau.

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In 1985  
His Majesty went as the  
Yang di-Pertuan Besar of  
Negeri Sembilan.

Just as he was about to assume his next post as Malaysia's Ambassador to Japan, however, His Majesty was unexpectedly recalled home upon the untimely demise of his elder brother, Al-Marhum Tuanku Munawir Ibni Al-Marhum Tuanku Abdul Rahman, the 9th Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan.

With the sudden death of His Majesty's brother, the course of his royal life took a turn. Gone were the long days of ambassadorship in far-flung countries. Now, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar was the proclaimed new Ruler of Negeri Sembilan, chosen by the Four Undangs who by tradition determine the choice of the successor to the throne of Negeri Sembilan. His Majesty ascended the throne of Negeri Sembilan on the 18 April 1967. Nearly a year went by before Seri Menanti was turned into a fairyland for His Majesty's installation on the 8 April 1968.

His Majesty is a descendent of Yam Tuan Lenggeng, a prince of Pagar Ruyong. In a ceremony reminiscent of the Minangkabau court of Pagar Ruyong, he was installed as the Yang di-Pertuan Besar (He Who is Supreme) of Negeri Sembilan. More than just a devoted Ruler with deep-rooted concern for the well-being of his subjects and state, His Majesty is intellectual, yet down-to-earth.





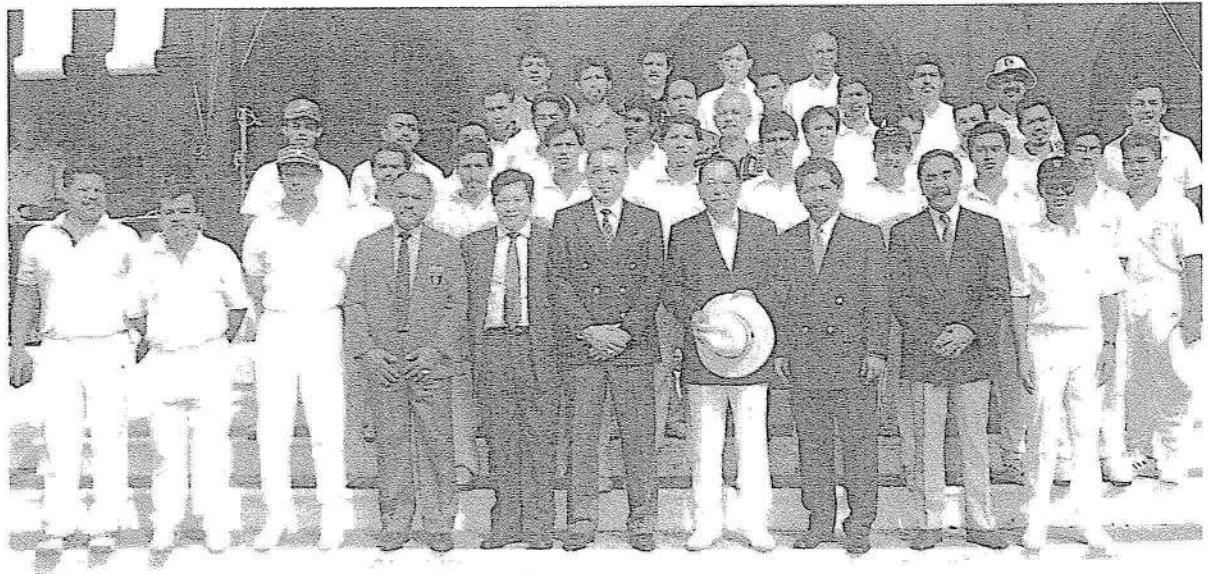
*His Majesty as Chancellor of University Kebangsaan Malaysia is seen delivering the Royal Address at its Convocation.*

He is the kind of Ruler who would drive himself to visit the rakyat in the kampongs when not attending official or social functions. He is the kind of Ruler who would go beyond perfunctory involvement in the development of Negeri Sembilan's most integrated housing and industrial estate, the Taman Tuanku Ja'afar of Seremban.

It is no wonder he was chosen as the Ruler of the state. His Majesty's 10-year service in the Malaysian Foreign Service and broad administration skills placed him in a most commendable position. No previous Ruler in the state's history had such a brilliant background.

As an academician, His Majesty has been Chancellor of the University Kebangsaan Malaysia in Bangi since 16 April 1976. He was conferred a Doctorate of Law on 27 July 1990 by the University of Ohio, being the first to introduce a twinning programme in Malaysia. And as a keen sportsman, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar excelled in tennis, squash, badminton and cricket. Advancing age has reduced his participation in these games more to a spectator's status. However, His Majesty still plays a good game of golf (handicap 16) and his tactical moves in chess can still tie an opponent in knots!

HIS MAJESTY'S LOVE FOR SPORTS  
WAS NURTURED ON THE SPORTING FIELDS OF THE MALAY COLLEGE.  
THIS LOVE HAS NOT DIMINISHED OVER THE YEARS.



In England, he represented Nottingham University in tennis, squash and badminton. He also played tennis for Oxford and was an Oxford blue in badminton. Equally adept at cricket and tennis, he also represented the states of Perak and Negeri Sembilan in those games. His Majesty has become affectionately regarded as a "Prince of Malaysian Sports" and the reasons are all too transparent.

His Majesty was first elected Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong on 19 June 1979. Ten years later, in April 1989, His Majesty was again similarly honoured and became Deputy Yang di-Pertuan Agong for a second term. The 165 Rulers' Conference elected His Majesty to be the nation's Tenth Yang di-Pertuan Agong for a five-year period, from 26 April 1994 until 25 April 1999.

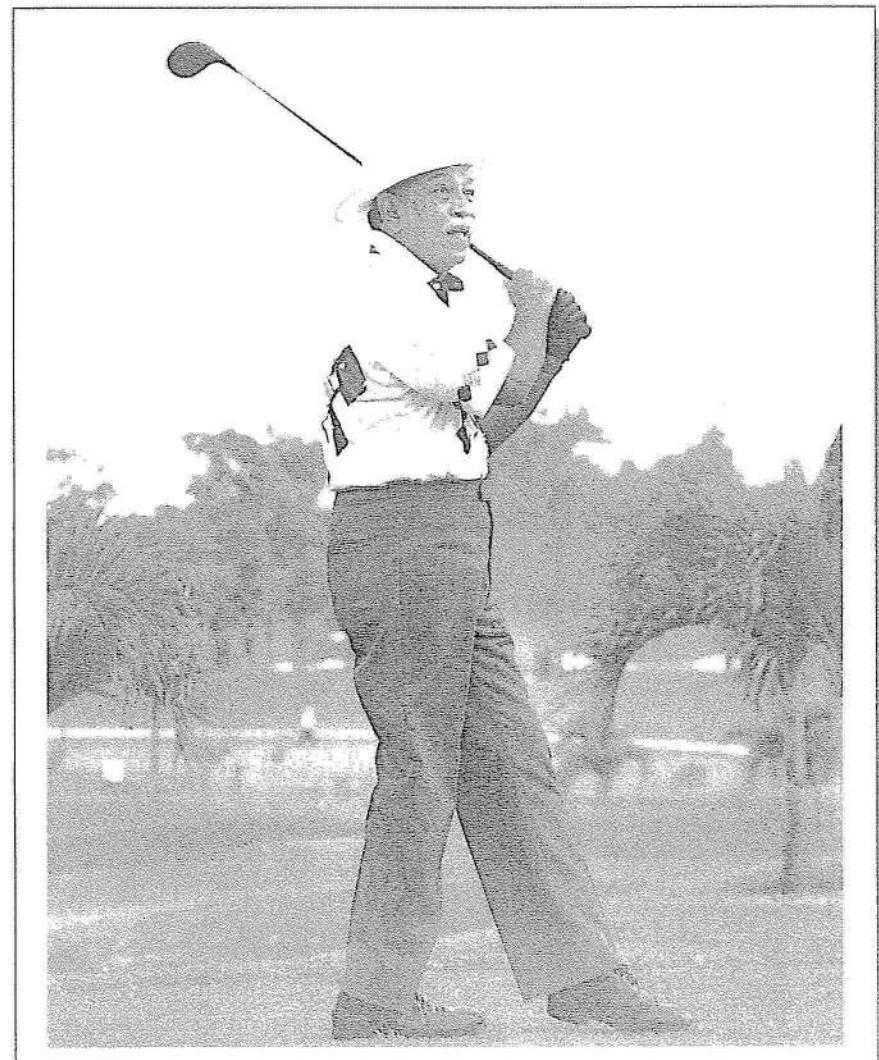


*Cricket has always been one of his passions. His Majesty was at the recent Malaysian Malay Cricket North-South Championship.*

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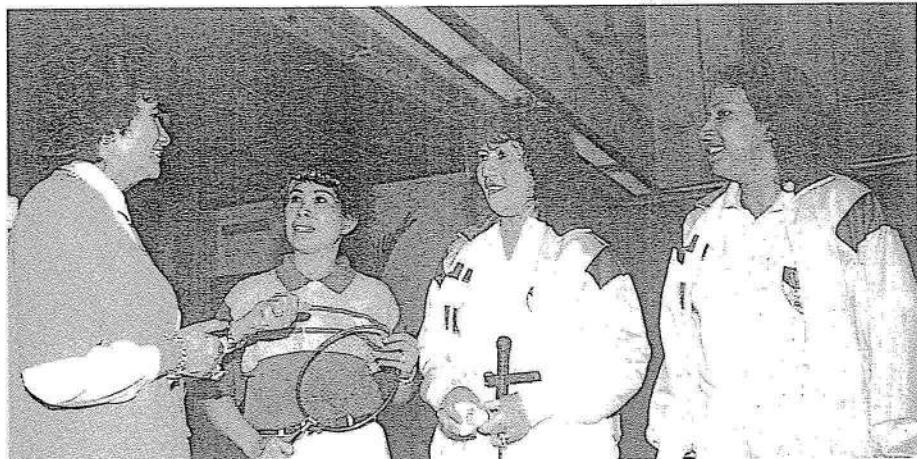


As a participant, golf is  
His Majesty's favourite  
sport.

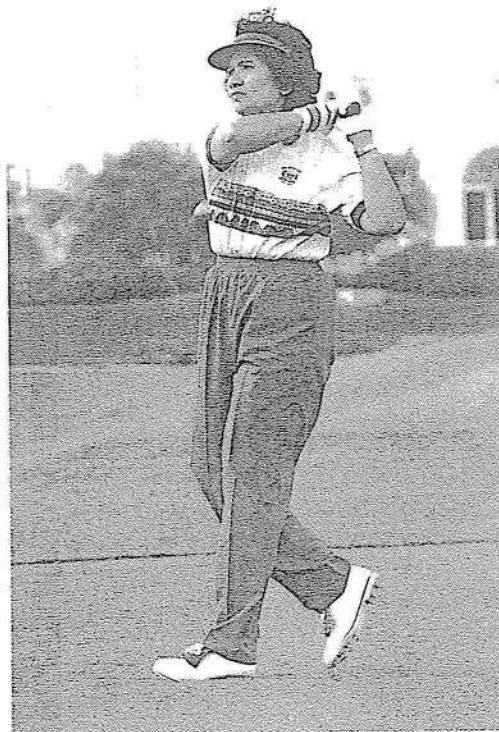




THEIR MAJESTIES SHARE MANY COMMON HOBBIES.  
SPORTS RANK VERY HIGH ON THE LIST OF SHARED INTERESTS.



*Her Majesty with participants of  
a badminton tournament.*



*Her Majesty is not only the Patron of the  
Malaysian Ladies Golf Association,  
but is also a good player in her own right.*

More than just a scholar, sportsman, diplomat and a benevolent Ruler, His Majesty is most of all, a loving husband and father. Her Majesty Tuanku Nazihah binti Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, consort of His Majesty, is herself a keen sports-woman and a prominent figure admired for her involvement in the welfare of the needy, the handicapped and the underprivileged. Many have come to regard her as "a lady with a heart of gold".

August 8, 1943, will long live in the memory of the Royal Family for it was on this auspicious day, during the Japanese occupation, that Their Majesties tied the nuptial knot. That knot has remained steadfast for the past fifty years. The Royal Couple have not only stayed together but have become more loving with the passing years. The Royal Family is cultured and graceful, and each individual member has been able to make their presence felt, both professionally and as members of society. In Malaysia, as in most countries of the East, the family unit is the basic, and the most important foundation of society. Malaysia's Royal Family is a very good role-model for Malaysians of whatever colour, race or creed.





*Portrait taken of Her Majesty during the Installation of His Majesty as the Yang di-Pertuan Besar of Negeri Sembilan. 1967.*

Her Majesty, Tuanku Nazihah ibni Al-Marhum Tunku Besar Burhanuddin, was born in Seri Menanti and, like His Majesty, went to the Malay School there for her early education. While His Majesty went to the Malay College in Kuala Kangsar to complete his secondary education, Her Majesty went to another old and venerable institution, Tuanku Muhammad School, Kuala Pilah from 1934 - 1940. Unfortunately for her, and for many of her generation, the war broke out and her education was interrupted. Her thirst for knowledge, however, could not be satisfied by inactivity. She studied on her own with the help of private tutors and also learnt to play the piano.

In 1950, she accompanied His Majesty to London when he was a student. In 1956, she again accompanied His Majesty to London where she enrolled at the London School of Oriental Studies to study French. Having multi-roles to play, this was a very hectic period for her. She was the patient and supportive wife to a budding diplomat, a scintillating hostess during official functions, a doting mother to young children who needed her attention and a student of a language that was definitely foreign! To crown it all, she was also a committee member of the "Associated Country Women of the World".

Her untiring actions saw her involved in Women and Cultural activities with Malay students while she was in the United Arab Republic and Nigeria. In April 1967, she returned to Malaysia as the Tunku Ampuan of Negeri Sembilan. Being the Tunku Ampuan, however, did not stop her from plunging into social and welfare activities. The new status, in fact, served as a catalyst for greater involvement. This is understandable, given her maternal instincts and in-born feeling for those who are less fortunate and less able. The Tuanku Nazihah Foundation is named after her.



*Her Majesty pays a visit to the Tunku Budriah Children's Home accompanied by her daughter Tunku Puteri Jawahir*

She is the Patron of numerous voluntary organisations that are involved in the welfare of the retarded, spastic and physically impaired. Orphans and the young have a very special place in her heart. She is also very active in women's organisations and is the Royal Patron of the Negeri Sembilan Girl Guide Movement and the Islamic Women's Welfare Board. As the Patron of the Tuanku Ampuan Najihah Children's Home in Temiang, she often spends time with the children who require shelter, support and love.

The Negeri Sembilan Royal Family are a sporting family in every sense of the word. Her Majesty is very active in the field of sports and culture. The Negeri Sembilan Ladies Angklong Group was set up through the initiatives of Her Majesty. She is also the Royal Patron of the Malaysian Ladies Hockey Association, Women's Football Association of Malaysia and Malaysian Ladies Golf Association.



*Babies touch the heart strings of Her Majesty. Her smile of happiness tells the story*

*Culture and art are another side of Her Majesty. Picture shows Her Majesty playing the anklung. On the left is Her Highness Tunku Ampuan Durah.*



*Members of the Tuanku Ampuan Negeri Sembilan Badminton Team.*

As a participant, her sporting activities include golf, badminton and tennis. She is the President of the Tuanku Ampuan Negeri Sembilan Badminton Team. Her Majesty is also a frequent visitor to the shooting range. Like most women everywhere, Her Majesty also loves gardening and floral arrangement.



*Tunku Dara Tunku Dato' Seri Naquiah and Tunku Kecil Besar Tunku Mudzaffar*

The Royal couple are blessed with three princesses and three princes. The eldest is Tunku Dara Tunku Dato' Seri Naquiah, who was educated at the Malay Girls College, Kuala Lumpur and London before completing her tertiary education at the American University in Cairo. Tunku Dara is a business-lady of calibre.

She is the Chairman of Antah Holdings and sits on the board of other public companies and is one of the founders of the Kuala Lumpur Speakers Club, the Malay Chamber of Commerce Federal Territory and UMNO Ibu Kota. She is happily married to Tunku Kecil Besar Tunku Mudzaffar and they have four children, three boys and a girl.

*H.R.H. Tunku Laxamana  
Tunku Naquiyuddin,  
the Regent of Negeri  
Sembilan and  
H.R.H. Tunku Puan Muda  
Tunku Nurul Hayati.*



The second, Tunku Naquiyuddin, is now the Regent of Negeri Sembilan. He graduated from the University of Aberystwyth in Economics and Political Science. He was the Tunku Laxamana Sri Menanti as well as Chairman of Antah Holdings Berhad and President of the Malaysian-

France Economic and Trade Association (MAFRETA). His Royal Highness is married to Tunku Nurul Hayati binti Tunku Bahador, the Tunku Puan Muda of Negeri Sembilan. They are are the proud parents of four lovely children, two princes and two princesses.



*Tunku Muda Serting  
Tunku Tan Sri Imran  
and Che Engku Dato' Seri  
Puan Sri Mahirah*

The third, Tunku Tan Sri Imran, the Tunku Muda of Serting, is the Managing Director of Antah Holdings Berhad and the first Malaysian ever to become the President of the World Squash Association. He is the Vice-President of the Olympic Council of Malaysia and was one of the key figures in Malaysia's successful bid to host

the 1998 Commonwealth Games. Academically, he took law at the University of Nottingham and was called to the bar at Grey's Inn. He was voted man of the year by a leading newspaper. Tunku Imaran is happily married to Che Engku Puan Sri Mahirah bt Abdullah and they have one son.



Tunku Puteri  
Tunku Jawahir and  
Tengku Azlan Shah  
Sultan Abu Bakar

The fourth, Tunku Puteri Tunku Jawahir, is the President of the Malaysian Ladies Golf Association (MALGA) and is married to Tengku Azlan ibni Al-Marhum Sultan Abu Bakar of Pahang. She graduated from University Sains Pulau Pinang and is the proud mother of three children, two sons and a daughter. She often accompanies Her Majesty for her official functions.



Tunku Irinah and Tengku  
Abmad Shah Sultan  
Salabuddin Abdul Aziz  
Shah, the Tengku Indera Setia  
of Selangor

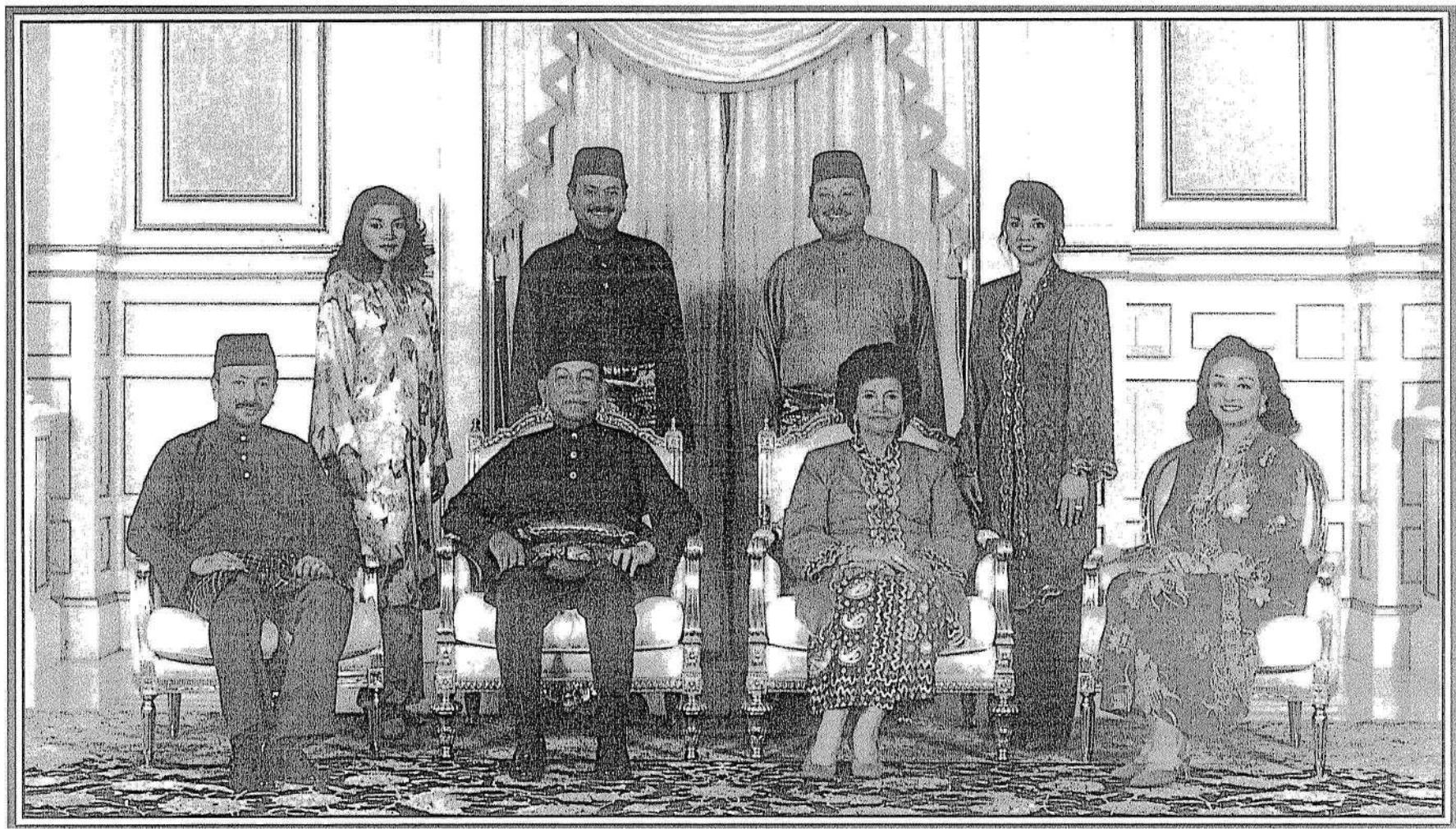
The fifth is Tunku Irinah who was born in New York and educated in England. She is married to Tengku Ahmad Shah ibni Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, a prince of Selangor. They have two children, a boy and a girl.



Tunku Putera Tunku  
Nadzaruuddin

The sixth, and the youngest, is Tunku Putera Tunku Nadzaruuddin who was educated at the Cheltenham Boy's School and Middlesex University in England where he got an honours degree in Mathematics. He is in charge of Syarikat Pesaka Antah, the family company. Tunku Putera is still a bachelor.





THEIR MAJESTIES WITH THEIR CHILDREN

*Standing from left: Tunku Irinab, Tunku Putera Nadzaruuddin, Tunku Muda Serling Tunku Tan Sri Imran, Tunku Puteri Jawabir  
Sitting from left: Tunku Laxamana Tunku Naquiyuddin, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar, Her Majesty Tuanku Najibah, Tunku Dara Tunku Dato' Seri Naquiah*

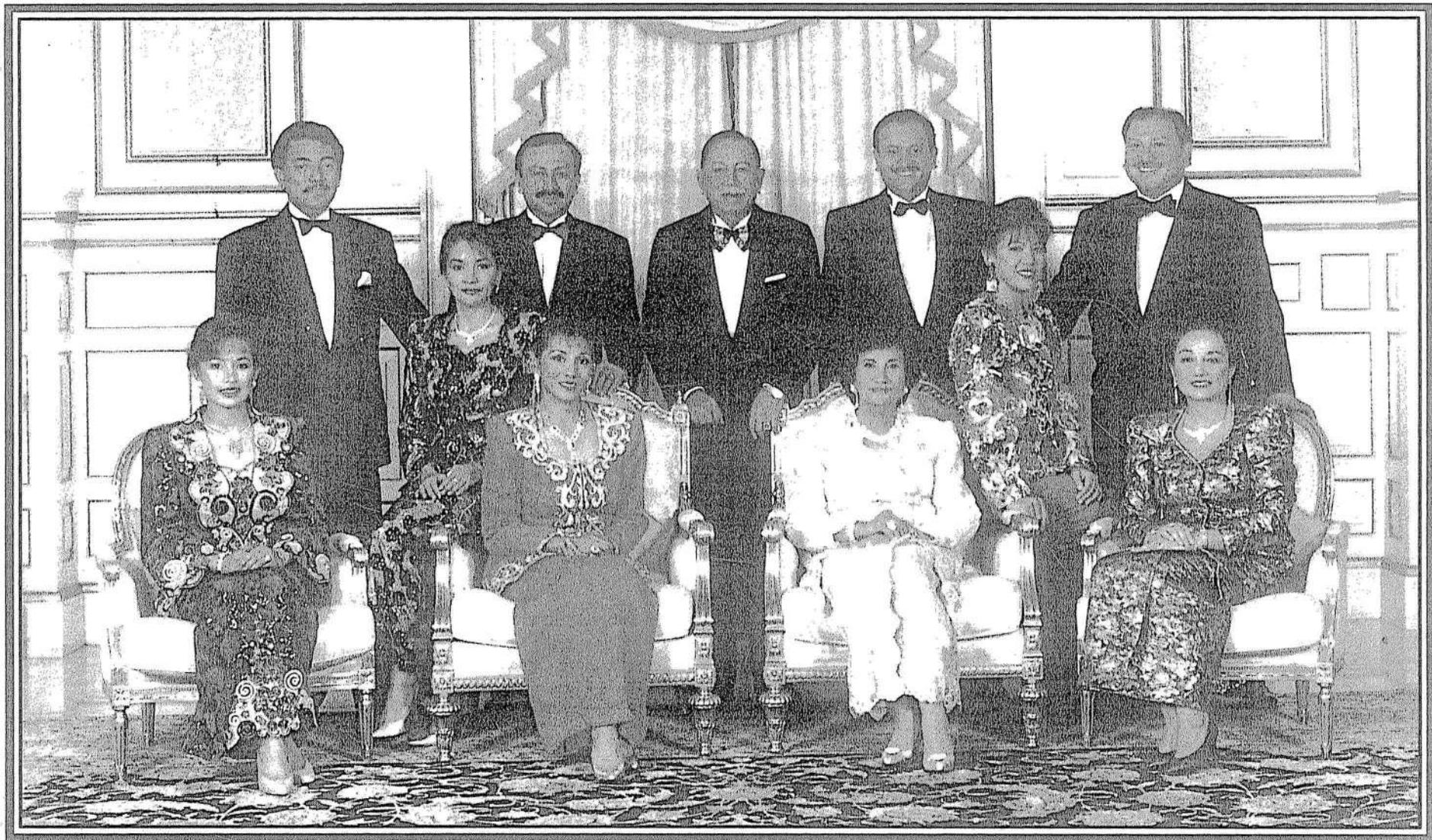


THE THREE PRINCES

Tunku Putera Nadzaruddin, H.R.H. Tunku Laxamana Tunku Naquiyuddin, the Regent of Negeri Sembilan and Tunku Muda Seri Tengku Tan Sri Imran  
Istana Negara 1994.



THE THREE PRINCESSES  
from left: Tunku Irinah, Tunku Dara Naquiah and Tunku Puteri Jawahir  
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A FAMILY PORTRAIT

*Sitting from left: Tunku Puan Muda, Tunku Irinah, Tunku Puteri Jawahir, Her Majesty, Che Engku Puan Sri Mabirah, Tunku Dara Naquiah*

*Standing from left: Tunku Kecil Besar Tunku Mudzaffar, Regent of Negeri Sembilan, His Majesty, Tunku Putera Nadzaruddin, Tunku Muda Seri Tunku Tan Sri*

*Imran*

*Istana Negara 1994.*



From left: Tengku Ahmad Shah Sultan Salabuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, Tunku Putera Nadzaruddin, Tunku Naquiyuddin Regent of Negeri Sembilan, His Majesty, Her Majesty, Tunku Muda Serting Tunku Tan Sri Imran, Tunku Kecil Besar Tunku Mudzaffar and Tengku Azlan Sultan Abu Bakar



From left: Che Engku Dato' Sri Puan Sri Mabirah, Tunku Irinah, Tunku Dara Tunku Dato' Sri Naquiah,  
His Majesty, Her Majesty, Tunku Puan Muda Tunku Nurul Hayati and Tunku Puteri Tunku Jawahir



*A Family Portrait After the Installation  
September 22, 1994*



#### THEIR MAJESTIES WITH THE ROYAL GRANDCHILDREN

Standing from left: Tunku Nadzimuddin, Tengku Aslahuddin Ja'afar, Tengku Asra Jehan, Tunku Mohamad Alauddin, Their Majesties, Tunku Miratun Madibah, Tunku Nasafuddin and Tunku Nasruan 'Adil

Standing in the centre: Tengku Aiman Shabirah

Sitting from left: Tunku Alia Nadira, Tunku Abdul Rabman Aminullah, Tengku Alam Shab Amiruddin, Tengku Azran Jawaad, Tunku Khairul Zaim and Tunku Nadia Sabiya

Judging from the family portraits of His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar, it is easy to see how important family life is to His Majesty. Much of that close-knit affection is also mirrored in His Majesty's relationship with his people. One sees it in the photographs of His Majesty visiting a government scheme or chatting with his loyal *rakyat* during an official opening.

Through the virtue of his wisdom, justice and leadership, His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar has undeniably brought immense socio-economic development to Negeri Sembilan the past quarter of century.

As subjects of His Majesty Tuanku Ja'afar, we can expect nothing short of a Supreme Ruler who is benevolent and whose great sense of justice, high level of compassion and brilliant leadership shall steer us into prosperity and peace.

Malaysia is blessed to have a responsible and pragmatic government of the day, and doubly blessed to have a Supreme Ruler who is endowed with the same qualities. There can only be better days ahead for all Malaysians.