

# Muslims should be grateful – TYT

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**KOTA KINABALU:** Muslims in the country should be grateful and appreciative of the position of Islam as the official religion and should practise its teaching that calls for its followers to do good and avoid conducts that are not beneficial.

Head of State Tun Panglima Juhar Mahiruddin said by doing so, they would become role models within the country's plural society.

He added that among the noble attributes of Islam was its call for its followers to practise the wasatiyyah which refers to the spirit of moderation.

"Wasatiyyah is relevant to all religions and communities as it emphasises on balance, fairness and excellence," he said during the Maal Hijrah celebration at Wisma Muis near here yesterday.

These values, he said, were shared by all the nations of the world regardless of religious affiliations because people generally dislike extreme, cruel and inhumane acts.

"Hence, it is timely for all Malaysians to adopt simplicity as a way of life as it is an important ingredient to create a society that is peaceful, harmonious, tolerant



Juhar presenting the Khalid Al-Walid Award to Ustaz Ali Khairudin Haji Maarif, witnessed by Nasir and Musa.

and united," he said.

The Head of State then urged all Muslims to celebrate the new year 1434H with determination and resolve to defend the sanctity of Islam.

At the same time, he also said threats that harm the unity of the religion should be handled wisely through negotiations, cooperation and understanding.

"In this way, people of all races, religions and regions will be able to live in peace as one nation

in accordance with the federal constitution and rule of the country."

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Musa Haji Aman said the participation and commitment from all levels of the community was crucial in the development of a country that had multi ethnicities and religious beliefs.

He added that the participation and commitment of all was crucial to ensure benefits of development



Juhar presenting the Sayyidatina Khadijah Award to Professor Madya Dr Hajah Arsiah Haji Bahron, witnessed by Nasir and Musa.

were shared equally by all races and all religions, thereby avoiding the occurrences of disputes that may disrupt the unity that had been built in the multi-racial community.

He also reminded the people to erase negative attitudes and to focus on achieving the State halatuju and transform the State into a high income generating economy.

Also present at the event were wife of the Head of State, Toh

Puan Norlidah Datuk R.M. Jasni, wife of the Chief Minister, Datin Seri Faridah Tussin, Deputy Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Yahya Hussin, State Assembly Speaker Datuk Seri Panglima Salleh Tun Said, State Secretary Tan Sri Sukarti Wakiman, Minister in the Chief Minister's Department Dato Sri Nasir Tun Sakaran and Community Development and Consumer Affairs Minister Datuk Azizah Mohd Dun.