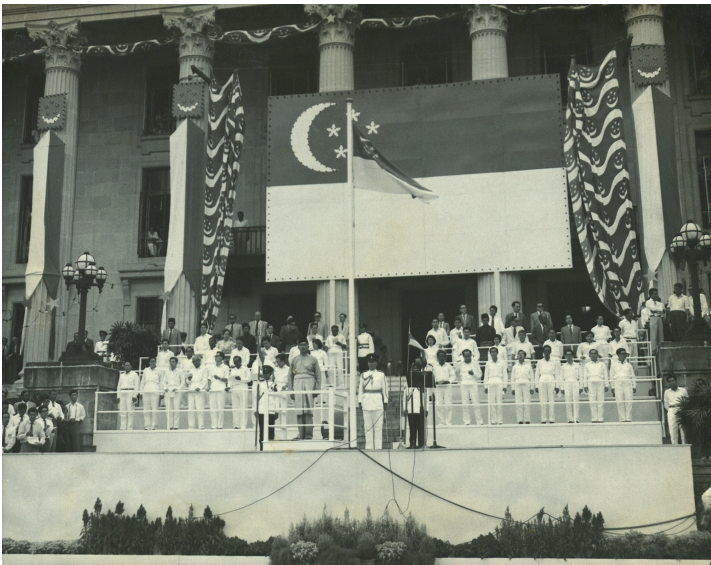




Yusof Ishak (centre) takes his oath as the first Malay-born Yang di-Pertuan Negara on 3 December 1959, while Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew (Yusof's right) and Chief Justice Sir Alan Rose (Yusof's left) look on. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The singing of *Majulah Singapura* and the raising of the new state flag, with politicians, dignitaries and the freshly installed Yang di-Pertuan Negara standing on the steps of City Hall. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore





The Yang di-Pertuan Negara delivers his address to the crowd at the Padang following his swearing-in ceremony. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara receives salute from marching contingents after his first public address. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



Sir William Goode, the last governor of Singapore, dresses in full ceremonial attire to welcome the Duke of Edinburgh during the latter's visit to the island in February 1959. Note the cock-hat with white plumes. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



Yang di-Pertuan Negara Sir William Goode (in lounge suit) inspects the guard of honour during the opening of the first legislative session following the 1959 general elections. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara, Yusof Ishak (centre), in the company of village headmen from Pulau Bukhom Kechil during his tour of the Southern Islands in January 1960. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara addresses the islanders of Pulau Semakau during a separate leg of his Southern Islands tour. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore

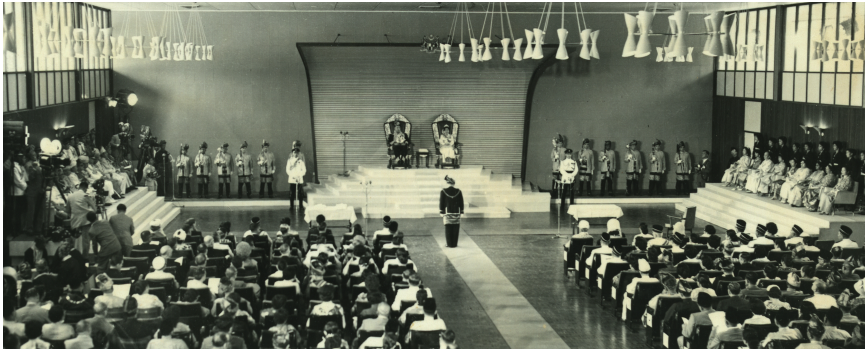




Village headmen and islanders of Pulau Seking patiently line up to greet the Yang di-Pertuan Negara as he arrives on the island as part of his January 1960 Southern Islands tour. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara speaks to residents of Pulau Brani, one of the many islands that form Singapore's Southern Islands, in February 1960. Labour and Law Minister K.M. Byrne sits on his right. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara and the rulers of the Federation of Malaya (left elevated platform) witness the coronation of the new Yang di-Pertuan Agong in January 1961. *Photo credit: Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore*



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara (left) and his wife, Puan Noor Aishah (right), leave the Hall of Audience after the coronation ceremony of the Yang di-Pertuan Agong in January 1961. *Photo credit: Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore*



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara (left), who also serves as Singapore's Chief Scout, interacts with troops at Jubilee Camp in July 1960. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



Members of the Carnival Management Committee welcome the Yang di-Pertuan Negara as he officiates the 1960 National Day Carnival at Raffles Institution to celebrate Singapore's first National Day. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore





Yusof Ishak inspects the guard of honour consisting of servicemen from the First Battalion, Singapore Infantry Regiment, prior to his first Yang di-Pertuan Negara Address to mark the opening of the legislative session in July 1960. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara chats with Field Marshal Gerald Templer, the “Tiger of Malaya”, at the Istana Negara in October 1960. Both men had a long history of dealing with each other. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



Hoe Puay Choo (right), assemblywoman for Bras Basah, accompanies the Yang di-Pertuan Negara (left) in the state car during the latter's visit to her constituency in April 1961. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara in the company of Mandai Village residents during his tour of Bukit Panjang in May 1961. Lee Khoon Choy, Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Culture and assemblyman of the constituency, sits with him while enjoying a cigarette. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara (centre) and his wife, Noor Aishah, welcome the British Commissioner in Singapore, Lord Selkirk, and his wife to a garden party at the Istana Negara to celebrate Singapore's National Day in June 1961. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



A PAP rally at City Hall in June 1959 to celebrate the party's handsome electoral victory during the general elections. Note the Chinese-language banners that adorn the City Hall building. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore





The Yang di-Pertuan Negara officiating the 1961 Quranic Reading Competition organized by the Muslim Advisory Board. *Photo credit: Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore*



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara sends off Muslim pilgrims in February 1961 as they embark on their long journey via sea to Mecca. *Photo credit: Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore*



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara (centre) entertains state guests during a dinner at the Istana Negara to commemorate Singapore's National Day in June 1962. On his right is Dr Ismail Abdul Rahman, the Malaysian Minister for Home Affairs and the Federation representative to Singapore's Internal Security Council. *Photo credit:* Yusof Ishak Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore



The Yang di-Pertuan Negara, now head of state of an ex-colonial Singapore, reviews a parade at City Hall to usher the official formation of Malaysia on 16 September 1963. *Photo credit:* Ministry of Information and the Arts Collection, courtesy of National Archives of Singapore