



Members of Ibu Kota's Pentas Harmoni KL with their 'Bintang Kecil' presentation featuring child singer Adrian Yunus (in cowboy suit).

City celebrates 15th birthday in carnival mood

KUALA LUMPUR, Wed. — Several main roads here took on a carnival mood as the city celebrated its 15th anniversary today.

Thousands of people strolled along the roads, which were turned into pedestrian malls from 8am to 10pm.

They thronged the gaily-decorated Jalan Raja Laut and part of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman, where brass bands played and children were seen pulling their parents from one attraction to another.

At the entrance to Jalan Raja Laut from Jalan Parlimen, about 500 people armed with brushes and paint were hard at work on a 300m long canvas — believed to be the longest painting in the world.

A City Hall spokesman said the participants were art students from colleges within the city, established artists and others.

About 300 pieces of canvas had been joined together and each group of painters had the one theme — *Kuala Lumpur Indah* — to guide them.

About 1,300 children, aged nine and 10, took part in an art competition, held next to City Hall along the Wisma PKNS corridors, from 10am until noon.

This was followed by a magic show.

While all this was going on, school bands took turns to march up and down Jalan Raja Laut and a colourful cultural show was held at Sulaiman Court.

There was also a *teh tarik* contest.

For those who wanted to stay out of the sun, an exhibition of the winning entries of a photography exhibition called *1,000 Faces of Kuala Lumpur* was held in City Hall.

Datuk Bandar Datuk Elyas Omar launched the City Hall

Mounted Unit at Bandar Tun Razak stables and the Kuala Lumpur Orchestra performed at the City Hall auditorium tonight.

Among the thousands of people contributing to the celebrations was hawker Rozalan Cik Din, 30.

Pushing his wares of cold drinks on a trolley along Jalan Raja Laut, he was accompanied by his two-year-old son Roazreen, who sat on cartons of tinned aerated drinks, and his friend Baharuddin Taib, 31, who walked alongside.

"I found business at my stall near Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman moving very slowly.

"So I placed a barrel (with ice to cool the drinks) on a trolley and brought my goods to where the business was," he said.

Among the visitors were sisters Chua Hong Hong, 9, and Woon Hong, 8, who stood on a postbox in Jalan Raja Laut to get a better view of the goings-on.



Four young friends glued to the stage.