



Vibrant performances by a drum troupe (above), mysterious vibes from Mah Meri maskmen (top right) and chingay (right) drew crowds despite dreary weather at the Kuala Lumpur Prosperity Celebration held to mark the Chinese New Year and Federal Territories Day. — Photos: KAMARUL ARIFFIN/The Star

Double celebration in the heart of KL

City Hall holds two-day cultural festival to jointly mark FT Day, Chinese New Year

DARK clouds loomed but did not dampen the excitement and enthusiasm at Dataran Merdeka in Kuala Lumpur.

Against the backdrop of the iconic Bangunan Sultan Abdul Samad, a stage came alive as a troupe of dancers clad in colourful costumes burst onto the scene.

All around, cameras clicked away as visitors – both Malaysians and foreign tourists – eagerly captured the spectacle.

The Kuala Lumpur Prosperity Celebration was organised by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL) in conjunction with Chinese New Year and Federal Territories Day.

It was attended by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department (Federal Territories) Dr Zaliha Mustafa and Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif, who also participated in tossing *yee sang* to mark



Locals and tourists enjoying the cultural performances.

the festivities.

The event was part of a weekend festival at Dataran Merdeka comprising cultural performances, sports tournaments, exhibitions and the Harmony Parade featuring floats representing Federal Territories agencies.

The entertainment consisted of a variety of performances such as lion dances, drums, chingay and Chinese fan dance as well as showcases of Malaysia's multi cultures including Mah Meri indigenous people and Sabah and Sarawak ethnic groups.



(From left) Maimunah, Dr Zaliha and DBKL Culture, Arts, Tourism and Sports Department director Naquib Hamdan tossing 'yee sang'.



(Left) Joyous showcase of Sabah and Sarawak; (above) decorated floats lighting up the night during the Harmony Parade along Dataran Merdeka.