

Merdeka Fun Run celebrates cultural unity in style

KUALA LUMPUR: Hundreds turned up in traditional wear at the KL-Car Free Morning yesterday, injecting vibrant colours and bringing much fanfare to the normally busy Jalan Raja Laut.

Participants arrived to take part in the Merdeka Fun Run 2025 held in conjunction with the celebration of the 68th National Day.



Organised by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL), the event also featured a cultural parade with Asean delegates.

Mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif said besides encouraging a healthy lifestyle, the programme was also aimed at showcasing unity and cultural diversity in Malaysia and South-East Asia.

“Seeing people of all backgrounds come together is a reminder of the significance of urban areas, which is to serve as a shared space for communities.

“Dressed in various traditional wear such as baju kurung, kebaya and batik, the parade underscores our diversity which is a cause for celebration,” she said.

Accompanied by representatives and diplomats from various embassies, she flagged off the participants at around 7am before taking a group stroll to a nearby shopping centre.

The event was made merrier by various cultural performances by the DBKL Culture, Arts and Sports Department.

DBKL said the programme was a prelude to three Asean-related dialogues slated to take place from Aug 12 to 14.

The KL Car-Free Morning initiative takes place every Sunday, from 7am to 9am.