

DELEGATES from Asean and beyond were treated to a feast of Malaysian food at a gala dinner by Kuala Lumpur City Hall (DBKL).

At the “Kenduri in the Park” dinner, guests were treated to *satay*, *nasi lemak*, *keropok lekor* and traditional Malay *kuih*, in addition to being entertained by cultural performances.

The event at Taman Botani Perdana was among a series of programmes by DBKL held in conjunction with several regional forums organised in the capital during Malaysia’s tenure as Asean chair this year.

The delegates had attended the Governors Mayors’ Forum, Asean Sustainable Urbanisation Forum and Meeting of Governors and Mayors of Asean Capitals.

Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Seri Maimunah Mohd Sharif said the dinner showcased Malaysia’s diversity to Asean leaders.

“It is also a night of celebration as efforts are being made in

City Hall hosts Asean leaders at Taman Botani Perdana



Guests at the dinner trying on traditional attire.

making the region stronger and more united,” she said.

Minister in the Prime Minister’s Department (Federal Territories) Datuk Seri Dr Zaliha Mustafa called on Asean leaders to urgently tackle issues of climate change and social equity.

“Cities are expanding and cultures are rapidly merging.

“These forums are a platform to exchange ideas and strengthen leadership.”

Also present was Housing and Local Government Minister Nga Kor Ming. — By FARID WAHAB



Standing, from left: Nga, Dr Zaliha and Maimunah watching participants try batik painting during the dinner. — Photos courtesy of Sin Chew Jit Poh