2,000 TURNED UP TO **CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR CULTURAL** NIGHT



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lose to 2,000 people from all walks of life turned up to watch a cultural show held in conjunction with the Chinese New Year celebration at the Sports Complex on March 17, 2012.

It was organised by Universiti Malaysia Pahang (UMP)'s Chinese Chinese Cultural Committee. Also present was Member of

Parliament for Paya Besar Dato' Haji Abdul Manan Ismail.

He lauded UMP for holding the event which was considered as an effort to promote unity and the 1Malaysia concept, bringing together people from all races and faiths.

"The country's multiracial society calls for each citizen, regardless of ethnic background, race and religion, to identify unity as something that is unique and the kind of multiracial unison not found in other countries," Dato Abdul Manan said when officially launched the programme.

He hoped the present younger generation would make use of





the programme by promoting the the surrounding community. cultures of Malaysia. Programme Director, Ta

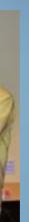
Vice-Chancellor (Student Affairs & Alumni), Professor Dr. Yusserrie Zainudin said the programme's objective was to give the opportunity to undergraduates to share their understanding on the Chinese culture through academicrelated activities.

encourage the society to place excited to be able to be involved importance on unity, regardless of in the programme that was rich race and country, upholding and in knowledge about the Chinese responding to Prime Minister's call people, their tradition and culture. to embrace 1Malaysia.

encouraged associations to be actively involved be appreciative of each other in holding activities that had and promoted harmony among academic impact on them as well as university staff, students and local

Programme Director, Tan Ban Lin, 21, was very happy that the celebration was well-received by the society around the campus but especially so the support showed by UMP denizens.

He added that programme such He said the university always as this would indirectly encourage undergraduate people from different races to





According to 35-year-old Sudanese Mustafa Mohamed Mustafa who is a Technology Faculty He added that it would also masters' degree student, he was

community.

The visitors were also entertained to a variety of performances and among them were traditional and modern dances, a Chinese orchestra, a Dragon dance and mask-changing show.

