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"Kita-The Musical"

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Malaysians saw for the first time a musical production performed up to world standard at the National Theatre (Istana Budaya or Palace of Culture) in Jalan Tun Razak on Tuesday night. Arriving there, I had dinner at its cafeteria which served a variety of our popular Malaysian fares and beverages.

'KITA' the musical received an overwhelming response from large crowds as they arrived at the theatre in the evening one after the other. An exhibition by IACT called KITA1Satu was held in the foyer in conjunction with the musical. Visitors could also sign their names in support of the 1Malaysia concept before the start of the play.

The musical was graced by Tan Sri Dr. Koh Tsu Koon and Puan Sri Koh, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Malaysia representative HE Victor C.Y.Tseng, Mr Chan Chu Hsiung ex-premier of Republic of China and Mrs Chan, Mr Yau Teck Kang, President of The Federation of Alumni Association of Taiwan Universities, Malaysia were among others. Invited to grace the occasion especially was Yang DiPertua Negeri Pulau Pinang Tun Dato' Seri Utama (Dr) Haji Abdul Rahman Bin Haji Abbas accompanied by his wife, Y.A. Bhg. Toh Puan Dato Seri Utama Hajah Majimor Binti Shariff.

In his speech, Taiwan representative for Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, C.Y.Tseng, said Taiwan's investment activities in Malaysia can be traced a long way back and Taiwan has invested more than USD10billion in between 20 to 30 years in Malaysia. During this time, most Taiwanese who worked in Malaysia were accompanied by their families to stay and invest in Malaysia. He said Taiwanese in Malaysia are lending their support to the 1Malaysia concept.

Dr Koh said the musical 'KITA' is inspired by the spirit of 1Malaysia which has been promoted by our Prime Minister Dato' Seri Najib Dr Tun Razak. He recorded appreciation, in his speech, to the Taiwanese who have contributed to the economic growth of Malaysia.

KITA produced by Xiyue Art and Culture, and organised by Jabatan Perpaduan Negara and Integrasi Nasional, Kementerian Penerangan, Komunikasi and Kebudayaan. The director and screenwriter is Ho Lin Huay, music director, Imee Ooi and choreographers Michelle Yong Soo Fon and Chan Soo Leng.

The actors are Hafiz AF7 as Rahman, Eric Lin as Cheong, Michael Rao as Ganesh, Nas Adila as Ayu, Amy Wang as Chun Moi, Dato' Jalaluddin Hassan as Pak Hassan, Lim Cheng Hock as Chin SR and Sukania Venugopal as Nenek Naini.

'KITA' is a story of three boys of different races, ordinary people living the spirit of 1Malaysia even in the 1960s and 1970s. The story continued into 2009 when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Najib Tun Razak first promoted the spirit of 1Malaysia at the Stadium of Perak.

It is certainly worthwhile to watch this quality musical that is produced and performed by a total of 50 multiracial cast comprising of our very own Malaysian pool of talents who have strived to be on par with the rest of musical productions in the world.

Ticket prices are divided into RM38, RM88, RM108, RM148, RM188 and RM288. Tickets are on sale now. Students aged 21 years and below are entitled to special prices of RM15. For more details, please contact 016-9929888 (KC Lee), 016-9838000 (Thomas Tan) and 017-7168640 (Frederick).

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