

Euphoric experience for revellers

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The fireworks display at KLCC Park

KLCC Park was illuminated with a dazzling light display while energetic performances elevated the buzz on the eve of National Day as the crowd waited for the countdown.

Thousands of revellers started to gather as early as 8pm at the Esplanade to enjoy the free concert themed "Rentak Jiwa Merdeka" (The heartbeat of Merdeka) that was organised by KLCC.

The event kicked off at 9pm with several shows including traditional dances and a drum performance.

Malaysian artistes Suki Low, Alif Satar and Jimmy Palikat also entertained the crowd with their hit songs. Host Zainal Alam Kadir was seen engaging the crowd during the interlude, such as getting a young visitor to sing a patriotic song and distributing Jalur Gemilang.

Sharul Aziz, 20, who came with his friends, said the performances were amazing and it was nice to see the various Malaysian cultures on stage.



People enjoying themselves during the Merdeka countdown concert at KLCC Park.

Foreign tourists were also seen enjoying themselves during the concert.

Masoud Saeed, 32, from Iran -- who was present with his family -- was glad to have caught the lively event. "It is great to see Malaysians celebrating their National Day in a very entertaining way, and we tourists get to experience more of the local cultures."

At the stroke of midnight, a spectacular musical fireworks display became the crowd's focus for nearly eight minutes, against the backdrop of PETRONAS Twin Towers