

Suria KLCC presents tallest Chinese lantern in Malaysia

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The giant lantern weighs 37 tons and took 10 days and 48 workers to assemble and decorate with LED lights and 1,200 small lanterns. It is displayed at the KLCC Esplanade until February 22. – The Malaysian Insider pic by Najjua Zulkefli, January 30, 2016.

Suria KLCC recently entered the Malaysia Book of Records for building the tallest Chinese lantern replica in the country. The 72ft tall and 40ft wide lantern is displayed at the KLCC Esplanade from until February 22.

Suria KLCC executive director and chief executive officer Andrew Brien said the giant Chinese lantern was Suria KLCC's gift to the community for the festive season.

"Weighing 37 tons, it took 10 days and 48 workers to put up the steel structure and decorate it with LED lights and 1,200 small lanterns.

"Lanterns are a symbol of Chinese culture worldwide. For this reason, we wanted to showcase an ancient lantern that was mainly used in the palaces, the type known for its delicate craftsmanship and graceful and dignified features.

“We built this lantern as a gift to the Malaysian community and to bring them together irrespective of background, race or creed during this festive season,” he said.

The decorations in the Suria KLCC centre court, meanwhile, is inspired by the Tang Dynasty Imperial Palace. The Tang Dynasty is generally regarded to be the high point in Chinese civilisation. The centre court is sumptuously clad in the decor of the Imperial Palace, with intricate woodwork panels, carved pillars, tasseled silk hanging lanterns and hanging banners of plush fabric. Gold and red are the predominant colours, with the former symbolising nobility and wealth, and the latter, joy and good fortune.

Visitors to Suria KLCC will also be entertained by various performances, such as a wushu display choreographed by Robin Ho, the first Malaysian to win a gold medal in the 1999 World Wushu Championship in Hong Kong.

Other highlights are the 12 festive drums and 24 festive drums shows, a Cai Qing lion dance, LED dragon dance and acrobatic high pole lion dance by the Kwong Ngai Lion dance troupe, 11-time winner of the International Lion Dance Championship and 20-time winner of the National Lion Dance Championship. For Chinese Classical music enthusiasts, there is the Yi Xiang Ler Chinese Classical Orchestra performance.

Shoppers are not forgotten during the festive season. Until February 14, those who spend RM650 in two accumulated receipts will receive an exclusive bowl and ang pow packets. During weekends, shoppers who spend RM3,000 in two accumulated receipts will receive exclusive bowl and unique woven ang pow packets. Visa cardholders who spend a minimum of RM350 in a single receipt will be rewarded with a RM10 parking rebate.

The less fortunate were also remembered. Suria KLCC gave the children of Yayasan Sunbeams Home RM200 each for their festive shopping. Accompanied by the shopping mall staff, the children bought themselves new attire and shoes. The home also received RM3,800 in shopping vouchers to purchase the items necessary for the Chinese New Year celebration. The children were also treated to a Chinese course dinner at Spring Garden, where yee sang was also tossed for good luck.

For more information about Suria KLCC’s Chinese New Year programmes and promotions, visit www.suriaklcc.com.my or call the concierge at 03-2382 2430. – January 30, 2016.