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People from all walks of life gather at the event organised by developer

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**JOHOR BARU:** Despite not celebrating the Lunar New Year, engineer K. Matthew finds it a delight to take part in the festivities.

The 47-year-old father of two, whose son goes to a Chinese primary school, said that it was important to embrace and understand different cultures and celebrations.

"Malaysia is a multicultural country, and that allows all of us to learn and enjoy each other's culture and traditions.

"My son was so excited to come to the event. We especially look forward to the lion dance performance. It is our favourite part," he said when met at property developer SP Setia's Chinese New Year

celebration here last Saturday.

The Perfect Reunion CNY 2017 celebration hosted by SP Setia was held at Setia Tropika Welcome Centre here and saw some 600 people from all walks of life coming together to enjoy a line-up of activities and performances.

Another visitor, housewife Angeline Liew, 65, said that the Lunar New Year was a time for relatives and friends to have fun together, adding that it was heart warming to see everyone having

fun at the event, spreading the festive spirit.

The celebration saw people of all ages watching the lion dance performance and musical num-

bers by several Astro celebrities such as Geraldine Gan, Danny Koo, Beta, Yuke and Miao Miao Group.

Crowd favourites were Danny Koo and Johor-born Uriah See, who delighted the crowd with their musical performances.

The artistes even walked down the stage to mingle and take pictures with the audience.

Another crowd favourite was the God of Prosperity, who attracted children and elders alike, all crowding around to receive ang pow and Mandarin oranges.

Apart from performances, the event also saw guests lining up at

the various activity booths that featured rainbow calligraphy, dough doll making, fortune telling and even caricature drawings.

Clerk Mahani Mohamad, 41, who came along with her children, commended the event, as people from all backgrounds were able to have fun in welcoming the upcoming Year of the Rooster.

She said that it was a great opportunity for people of other races to gain insight into Chinese New Year celebrations.

"It is only with the concept of *Satu Malaysia* that we can all learn from each other," she said, adding that she hoped the Lunar New Year would bring her some more luck and happiness as well.



Visitors taking selfies with Astro celebrity Koo (in yellow) at SP Setia's Perfect Reunion CNY 2017 celebration at Setia Tropika Welcome Centre in Johor Baru.