

## Double delight for special children at two Maybank Hari Raya celebrations

“Laughter, smiles, cheers and togetherness” were among the emotions felt by some 100 specially invited children from three homes who were guests at the annual Maybank Group Staff Raya Celebration 2016 at Laman Menara Maybank recently. The celebration themed ‘Kampung’ was energetic, colourful and filled with fun for everyone who attended it.

The children aged between four and 12 years were from Rumah Titian Kaseh, PERNIM and Rumah Nur Hati who were specially invited to join in with the staff Hari Raya celebration.

Dressed in their colourful traditional attire, the children and staff together enjoyed having local delicacies from each state of Malaysia as well as an array of local fruits, roast lamb and sizzling satay.

The children were also delighted to personally receive gifts and Duit Raya from the Chairman of Maybank, Tan Sri Megat Zaharuddin Megat Mohd Nor and Group President & CEO of Maybank, Datuk Abdul Farid Alias.

Members of the Board and Senior Management Maybank were also excitedly seen reliving their nostalgic ‘Kampung moments’, as they participated with the children and staff in various traditional games competition such as Timbang Sepak Raga, Ketupat Weaving and Ceper.

The highlight of the celebration was definitely the ‘Joget Lambak’, where everyone danced enthusiastically to the beat of the traditional Malay tune.

Group Chief Human Capital Officer of Maybank, Nora Abd Manaf said, “This is what the Hari Raya celebration is all about for the Group, it is a time that we come together to celebrate the joys of the festive season and to be thankful for how far we have come as the ‘tiger’ family,”

“Each year, Maybank celebrates major festivities to reinforce our philosophy of diversity and inclusiveness. This special event is aimed to provide opportunities for Maybankers to appreciate the rich heritage of respective communities where the Bank operates in as well as to strengthen harmony and understanding amongst the different cultures and groups, as well as to reaffirm Maybank’s commitment as a caring corporate citizen,” Nora added.

Days before the staff event, Maybank had paved way for its Raya celebrations by also inviting about 100 children from four homes at the recent Maybank Group Corporate Raya Celebration 2016.

The children, aged between eight and 16 years old were from Asrama Darul Falah (ASDAF), Asnaf Primary School children under Yayasan Pelajaran Mara (YPM) Zakat Initiative, Pertubuhan Kebajikan & Pendidikan Nur Kasih Selangor and Rumah Titian Kaseh to celebrate the joyous occasion together with Maybank corporate clients.

“One of the essences of Hari Raya lies in making individuals feel like they belong to a big family which nurtures them with open arms filled with love on this special occasion. This was what we wanted to achieve with the presence of the children, allowing them the chance to experience a heart-warming and comfortable Hari Raya, the Maybank way. I truly hope that our Raya celebrations have been memorable for our guests as it was definitely for us,” said Nora.

Apart from the wide array of traditional delicacies which the children enjoyed, they were also delighted to receive Duit Raya packets which were personally distributed by the Chairman and Group President & CEO of Maybank.