

## Maybank celebrates unforgettable Chinese New Year celebration with special guests

- *100 special guests celebrate Chinese New Year with fellow Maybankers*

It was an unforgettable experience for 100 special guests from House of Joy, Sunteck Handicapped Welfare Home and students of SJK(C) Chiao Nan as they celebrated an exciting Chinese New Year filled with energetic sounds of drums, a heart-stopping Lion Dance and cultural performances at Menara Maybank.

The special guests were all smiles and cheers as they received Ang Pows and goodie bags filled with food and essentials presented by Maybank Chairman, Datuk Mohaiyani Shamsudin, Group President & CEO, Datuk Abdul Farid Alias and Group Chief Human Capital Officer, Nora Abdul Manaf.

Members of the Maybank Board were also seen joining in to present oranges and Ang Pows to other guests who attended the event.

The event featured the Khuan Loke Dragon & Lion Dance troupe which skilfully demonstrated their acrobatic Lion Dance acts and manoeuvres on high poles, leaving spectators thoroughly captivated.

A unique highlight at the celebration was the special performance by students from SJK (C) Chiao Nan, who captured the hearts of spectators with their skilful Che Ling Chinese Yo-Yo performance followed by a thundering Chinese drum performance by 22 students.

Nora Abdul Manaf said that festive celebrations have always been an integral part of the Maybank Group to remind its employees as well as the public on the importance of celebrating the cultural diversity and harmony among Malaysians.

“We are delighted to see and feel the sense of energy, positivity and happiness shown by our beneficiaries and staff as we celebrated the ‘New Year’ as one big family. This engagement has always remained unique as we see Malaysians from all walks of life, ages and races come together to promote a sense of peace, love and generosity amongst each other.”

The excitement at the event continued with laughter and cheers as a grand ‘Yee Sang’ tossing ceremony was held to signify prosperity, good luck and health.

Prior to the event, the Group hosted a QRPay Chinese New Year sales carnival and a charity drive amongst its employees to donate food and other essential items such as flour, oil, rice, toiletries and clothes as gifts for the special guests during the festive season. In total, about RM52,000 worth of essential items were contributed.

“This effort also gave our employees a sense of personal involvement in adding to the Group’s contributions for our special guests, and we are grateful for their overwhelming support which is a reflection of their commitment to Maybank’s mission of humanising financial services,” added Nora.

One of the students from SJK (C) Chiao Nan, Chen Jin Wen, 8, who was also one of the team members of the Che Ling performance, said that she was very happy to be invited to Menara Maybank for the Chinese New Year event.

“It is exciting to be here and I can’t wait to show everyone my Che Ling skills! Also, thank you Maybank for the Ang Pow and goodie bags.”

Ivy Lau, 68, from House of Joy also expressed her happiness and excitement over the event. “This is the first time that I have set foot in Menara Maybank and it feels wonderful because there are so many people and I’m able to experience new things.

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