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Colourful spectacle at the Bangsar Carnival

THE Sukom spirit came alive at the Commonwealth Games Bangsar Carnival on Saturday night with participation from people from all walks of life.

It was a spectacular extravaganza of colour and light with numerous banners and posters announcing the highlights of the event.

The highlight of the event, organised by the Youth And Sports Ministry, the Bangsar Business Council and residents' associations was the opening by Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed.

His arrival about 9pm was greeted with applause by the crowd, many of whom waved the Sukom flag.

Dr Mahathir later received a total of RM530,340 in donations for the games from 26 companies and organisations.

He also officially opened a police beat base opposite the Jolly Green Giant hawker centre.

Unable to resist the temptation, many tried to shake the hand of the Prime Minister and succeeded.

Stalls offering free drinks like Milo and Lipton tea were favourites with the crowd.

There were also stalls selling Sukom paraphernalia like T-shirts, caps, bags and pouches.

Despite the poor weather which began earlier in the day, the carnival which was organised to promote the sale of tickets for the games and to promote Bangsar as a tourist destination, attracted a large crowd.

They stayed on until after midnight when the stalls closed.

Food outlets and pubs had a field day with standing room only. Some placed tables and chairs on the pavement to help customers have a better view of the events unfolding in the area.

Also present at the event were Youth and Sport Minister Tan Sri Muhyuddin Yassin, Lembah Pantai MP Datuk Shahrizat Jalil and Sukom Ninety Eight Berhad chairman Jen (R) Tan Sri Hashim Mohamed Ali.

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