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Raya joy still evident on second day

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - The second day of Hari Raya Aidilfitri was an equally joyous one celebrated by all Malaysians in the true spirit of muhibbah today, albeit on a moderate scale.

Those who did not have the opportunity to visit friends and relatives on the first day of Hari Raya made their rounds today, decked in their festive best.

Malaysians and foreigners also turned up in large numbers to wish "Selamat Hari Raya" to some Federal and State leaders who threw the doors of their homes open.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim, who had an open house for the public at the Putra World Trade Centre yesterday, welcomed close friends, corporate figures, dignitaries and Ministers to his residence at Jalan Damansara today.

Among those present were former Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Musa Hitam, Works Minister Datuk Seri S. Samy Vellu and Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Abu Hassan Omar.

In Kota Kinabalu, several State leaders held open house.

State Communications and Works Minister Datuk Yahya Hussein held open house at his residence at Kampung Ketiau in Putatan, near here.

Among his guests were Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Sakaran Dandai and his wife Toh Puan Rukaiyah Panglima Abdullah and Chief Minister Datuk Yong Teck Lee and Cabinet colleagues.

Last night, former Chief Minister Datuk Salleh Tun Said held open house at his residence in Likas.

Yong, Land and Co-operative Development Minister Datuk Osu Sukam and State Secretary Datuk Khalil Jamalul were among Salleh's guest.

In Johor Baru, several Federal and State Government leaders held their open house on the second day of Hari Raya.

In Muar, more than 5,000 people including leaders of Barisan Nasional component parties gathered at the residence of the Youth and Sports Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin to extend their greetings.

Similar crowds also turned up at the residence of the State Agriculture and Rural Development committee chairman Datuk Sabariah Ahmad.

In Penang, Chief Minister Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Hamdan Sheik Tahir, his wife Toh Puan Siti Zainab Baharuddin, Speaker of the State Legislative Assembly Datuk Yahaya Hamid and Koh's wife Puan Sri Chui Kah Peng attended the Gerakan Kongsia Raya open house today.

The event, held at the Pesta grounds in Sungai Nibong, drew nearly 3,000 people including State executive councillors, Members of Parliament, State Assemblymen, Penang Island Municipal Council president Dr Teng Hock Nan and municipal councillors.

In Klang, the spirit of festivity was still in the air on the second day of Hari Raya with large crowds at the open house of three State Assemblymen here.

The Assemblymen who were kept on their toes from 10am to 5pm welcoming their respective constituents, friends and relatives at their homes were Selat Klang State Assemblyman Datuk Onn Ismail who is also the State Assembly speaker, Sementa State Assemblyman Datuk Abdul Rahman Palil and Meru State Assemblyman Jaei Ismail.

The Assemblymen also took the opportunity to impart Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's message to constituents to be patient and

demonstrate their willingness to sacrifice to help the country overcome the current economic problems.

In Malacca, Chief Minister Datuk Seri Abu Zahar Isnin watched a lion dance performance at State MCA chairman Datuk Gan Boon Leong's open house in Jalan Kubu. Also present was Gan's wife Datin Cheong Kim Geok.

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