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Jinjang celebrates 50th anniversary

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JINJANG has a reason to celebrate big. After 50 years, this new village is no longer the little unsavoury part of the Federal Territory. It is now a thriving, rapidly developing town.

Last Sunday, it launched its golden celebration. Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad arrived to launch the grand colourful and musical affair.

Thousands of residents joined him. Accompanying him to the Jinjang Community Hall from the Jalan Kuching toll plaza were motorcyclists from five biker clubs, before he walked to the Jinjang North playing field.

He was accompanied by MCA president Datuk Seri Dr Ling Liong Sik, his deputy Datuk Lim Ah Lek, former Deputy Prime Minister Tun Ghafar Baba and Kuala Lumpur Datak Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff.

A dragon dance troupe led them as schoolchildren and local residents waved the Malaysian flag and photographs of Dr Mahathir.

Once they were on the stage put up in the field, the Negara Ku was played before a musical performance by a 100-member brass band from Sekolah Rendah Jenis Kebangsaan Jinjang Tengah and a mass taichi drill involving about 1,000 people.

Datuk Tan Kim Hor, chairman of the Union of Social Organisations for Kepong and Jinjang, then gave a speech welcoming Dr Mahathir before Dr Ling delivered his address.

This was followed by a multi-cultural dance performance and a lion dance by local child artistes.

Dr Mahathir then delivered his speech before going down to the field to unveil a plaque commemorating the event.

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