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Looking beyond 2000

LIKE a shot in the arm, women seem to have been given that all-concerted push so needed. Somehow the National Women's Day celebrations this year seem to have packed an extra wallop.

It started with a two-day special conference on Aug 18 and 19 which featured 24 roundtable sessions, the results of which would be submitted to be incorporated into the Eighth Malaysia Plan.

Helmed by Deputy Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Datuk Shahrizat Abdul Jalil and her team from the Women's Affairs Department (Hawa), the National Advisory Women's Council (Naciwid), and the National Council of Women's Organisations (NCWO), the build-up spiralled, covering a whole host of events and activities from workshops, dialogues and interactive launches to song, dance and drama.

The functions, which culminated in the grand closing officiated by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last night, were attended by Malaysians from all walks of life to the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Siti Aishah.

It was, like never before, a show of support for the strength, perseverance and ingenuity of women nationwide.

Truly it was Women 2000, and beyond!

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