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Unique millennium do at The Mines Resort City

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THE much-talked about bash of the century is finally over! One of the party organisers was The Mines Resort City which chose to usher in the new millennium in a different style.

Themed 166 Millennium Dragon Carnival, the event kicked off on the eve of Christmas and went on until the first day of the New Year.

"Unlike other millennium parties, our celebration is unique as it emphasises the Year of the Dragon 2000. The new millennium year is also the 166th year of the dragon in the Chinese lunar calendar," says Mines Resort City Sdn Bhd executive director Amer Hamzah Ahmed.

He was briefing reporters before launching the event, accompanied by Signature Hotel Group general manager Aaron Soo and event committee president Joey Chen.

"This celebration gives everyone the opportunity to capture, embrace and celebrate the spirit of the dragon which symbolises harmony, prosperity, dynamism, and good fortune, not only throughout the year 2000 but the entire millennium," he says.

The carnival reached its climax on New Year Eve when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad attended the countdown celebration at the Asean 2000 Clock, representing the resort's contribution towards achieving unity among Asean countries.

Similar Asean 2000 clocks were placed strategically at various locations of Asean capitals, namely Singapore, Jakarta and Manila to celebrate the countdown to the stroke of midnight.

This event was channelled "live" to the 10 Asean countries plus a crossover to Australia, Europe and New York City via the British Broadcast Corporation.

The night also saw the appearance of 10 unique dragons, representing 10 Asean nations at the Mines Wonderland, as well as the breathtaking sight of fireworks and a gigantic 80-foot floating Millennium Golden Dragon making its way across the Mines lake.

The carnival featured 165 dragons in all - dragon lanterns up to 10 metres feet in length, ice carved dragons, sculptured dragons of ceramic, metal, netting and others on display at Dragonland at The Mines Wonderland.

The resort also brought in a 12-member Trinidad and Tobago steel band.

Featuring the best of Eastern and Western cultures, the carnival treated visitors to activities like the carnival parade, a fashion show and stage performances by popular Malaysian artistes.

There were also more than 70 stalls offering a diversity of food and beverages and games, fun fair, clowns, stilt walkers, acrobats and many more.

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