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PATA-Dinner

COLOURFUL FIREWORKS, GRAND RECEPTION FOR PATA DELEGATES

KUALA LUMPUR, April 8 (Bernama) -- Some 3,000 delegates were treated to colourful fireworks display and multi-racial cultural performances tonight at a grand dinner in conjunction with the 50th annual conference of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) here today.

The dinner held at the Kuala Lumpur City Centre's Esplanade was hosted by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry.

Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was the guest-of-honour. Also present was Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

The delegates savoured Malaysian popular dishes sponsored by major five-star hotels in the Klang Valley in a stall-like style.

Professional performers from Petronas, City Hall and Istana Budaya staged cultural shows depicting the multi-ethnic cultures of Malaysia.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad will open the five-day PATA conference tomorrow.

Founded in 1951, PATA has 44 member countries with 2,000 members from the public and private sectors such as airlines, airports, cruise liners, hotels, universities and tour operators.

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