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Giant kolam for National Day

MALACCA, Mon. - After one month of careful preparation, students and teachers from Malacca High School's Indian Cultural Society unveiled a 6.1 metre by 6.1 metre kolam yesterday in conjunction with National Day.

This is the sixth year in a row that 70 students and three teachers had undertaken the project at Mahkota Parade, a bustling shopping centre in Bandar Hilir.

Society president Vignesh Kumar, 18, said 250kg of coloured rice were used to decorate the kolam which was themed after Malaysia's achievements.

"We used red, blue, black, grey, green, brown, yellow and white coloured rice to come up with this colourful display depicting Kuala Lumpur's Twin Towers, the A Famosa fort, the bunga raya, the light rail transit train and satellite.

"Work on the colourful kolam was completed yesterday," he said, adding the kolam was also a tribute to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

State Youth and Sports Committee chairman Datuk R. Raghavan did the launching yesterday.

The leader for the project, Sneha P. Timbadia, 18, said they started at noon on Aug 29 and worked until noon yesterday to complete the kolam.

She said this year's kolam was the biggest that they have done over the years and they would do it again this Deepavali.