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Ice-skating with candles to promote world peace

SOME 500 skaters, young and old, took part in a special ice-skating gathering held at Sunway Pyramid shopping mall in Bandar Sunway, Selangor recently.

The gathering, themed "Candles of Hope", saw the skaters gliding around the rink holding two candles each.

The two candles symbolised the messages of "Light of Hope in Our Hearts" and "A Gift of Light", meant for the world leaders in an effort to maintain world peace.

In all, about 1,000 candles were lit during the event.

The gathering was in support of an on-going effort by several non-governmental organisations to present one million signatures to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad for the 13th Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Kuala Lumpur beginning Feb 20.

The gathering was jointly organised by Sunway Lagoon Resort and the Ice Skating Association of Malaysia.

A total of 2,026 signatures were collected during the event.

"Malaysia is a peace-loving nation. Even at Sunway Lagoon Resort, we believe in building a better and peaceful future and our Prime Minister has led us in that direction.

"We, therefore, stand with our leaders and all Malaysians in this effort," said Sunway Pyramid shopping mall general manager H.C. Chan.

He said the gathering received good support from the public, especially those residing in Bandar Sunway and the surrounding areas, as "the 'Candles of Hope' signified the feelings of all Malaysians who love and value peace".

Some of the skaters who took part in the gathering are members of the Ice Skating Association.

Also present at the event were the Malaysia for Peace movement co-ordinator Dr Shamsul Anuar Sulaiman, and Damansara Utama State Assemblyman Lim Choon Kim.