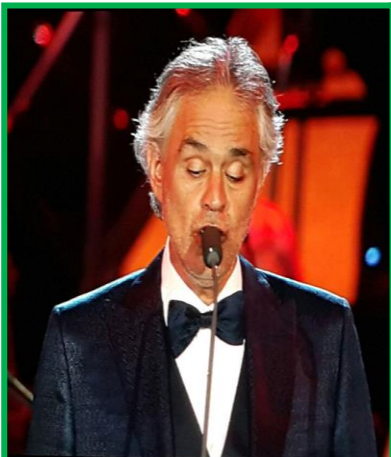




HIJAU IN ROME

The Music for Mercy concert took place on 26 July 2016 at Roman Forum. This concert witnessed performances by Italian renowned classical singer Andrea Bocelli and Giovanni Caccamo, Malaysian singer Dato' Zainal Abidin, Canadian Grammy Award-winner David Foster, British Carly Paoli and Elaine Paige, and Syrian clarinetists Kinan Azmeh. The main aim of the concert is to use music as a platform to bring peace and mercy in this world. The concert was held at the extraordinary archaeological site, the Roman Forum and it was broadcasted live to over 50 countries. Dato' Zainal mentioned that he was proud to sing his biggest ever hit song, *Hijau* (Green) in Bahasa Malaysia. Among Malaysian personalities attended the concert were Tan Sri Dato' Francis Yeoh, the main sponsor of the event through his ABIAH Music Production, Tan Sri Michelle Yeoh, Malaysian and internationally acclaimed actress and Mrs. Ariana Teoh, former Miss Malaysia World. TYT Dato' Ambassador attended the concert and was proud of Dato' Zainal's performance alongside the Rome Orchestra. As Dato' Zainal is the sole representative from Asia, this certainly is a good platform to highlight Malaysian talents.



Dato' Zainal Abidin, Rome — On 25 July 2016, Malaysian singer

Dato' Zainal Abidin called on TYT Dato' Ambassador Abdul Samad Othman at his office. Dato' Zainal was accompanied by his spouse and manager, Datin Angelina Asmawi. During the call, Dato' Zainal shared his experience and journey hailing from a small town *kampung boy* to become an internationally recognized artist. He mentioned that he had performed internationally as guest artist for Malaysian events in collaboration with Ministry of Tourism. Phil Collins and Paul Simons are among the big names in the music industry that Dato' Zainal has worked with. He informed that, he was invited to perform, *Hijau*, in Rome by ABIAH Music, in relation to the Jubilee Celebration of Music for Mercy concert.



TYT Dato' Ambassador Abdul Samad Othman and Datin Zaiton hosted dinner for the couple a few days following the event. After being away from Malaysia for almost a week, the traditional delicious Malay dishes prepared was indeed a delight. It was also the very first time Dato' Zainal tasted the Saturn Peach fruit, or commonly known among locals as Donut Peach. This fruit originates from China but is now grown in Italy, France, Greece and Spain. TYT Dato' Ambassador again congratulated Dato' Zainal on his performance and wish him all the best.

