



This celebration is unique as it brings back nostalgia of Umno's struggle.'

Datuk Seri Mohd Radzi Sheikh Ahmad



It's a historic day as Youth leaders are able to feel the spirit of Umno.'

Datuk Seri Hishammuddin Hussein



I believe Umno will continue to be led by able Malays in the future to greater heights.'

Tan Sri Musa Hitam



Umno members should look forward to championing the Malays' interests.'

Datuk Seri Mohamed Khaled Nordin



Guests with Sultan Iskandar and Sultanah Zanariah (front row, sixth and seventh from left) at the steps of Istana Besar in Johor Baru for the Umno anniversary celebrations yesterday. They include Abdullah (fifth from left), Umno deputy president Datuk Seri Najib Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor (eighth and ninth from left). — NST pictures by Zain Ahmed

Award for Sapura Group founder

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Mohd Ali Saleh, 86, was happy to be part of the celebrations.

JOHOR BARU: Sapura Group founder Tan Sri Shamsuddin Abdul Kadir has been named a "Malay of Distinction".

The pioneer in cellular telecommunications in the country was honoured with an award from Umno president Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi at Umno's 60th anniversary celebrations yesterday.

Shamsuddin, a self-made entrepreneur known for philanthropy, also received a gold pendant and RM100,000.

He promptly donated the money to the Umno scholarship fund for orphans.

Among the highlights of the four-hour ceremony at the Istana Besar was the release of 6,000 red and white balloons and 1,500 pigeons from a giant backdrop with the Umno

logo, erected in the palace grounds.

The guests were in high spirits throughout the day despite the sweltering sun.

Visitors went home with an Umno goodie bag containing an umbrella, a special 60th anniversary souvenir magazine and a copy of the Umno publication *Medan Umno*.

The carefully-executed programme was designed to give participants a chance to reminisce about the historic events of 1946 when Datuk Onn Jaafar launched the party.

For Sultan Iskandar of Johor, it was a walk into the past as the ceremony was almost a repetition of the historic events of May 11, 1946 when his father, Sultan Ismail, addressed the pioneer Umno members.



Shamsuddin (right) receiving the award from Abdullah.



The younger generation realises that Umno can lead our nation to a better future.'

Datuk Noraini Ahmad



After six decades, Umno is still relevant and this achievement is well recognised by all.'

Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin



As long as Umno continues to champion the interests of the Malays, it will remain relevant.'

Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo



We have to work hard and remain resilient if we are to continue winning the hearts of the people.'

Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar