

300 join Malaysia Day fun in New York

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NEW YORK: It was a fun time for the more than 300 people who turned up for Malaysia Day, held in conjunction with the Asian-Pacific American Heritage Festival at Flushing Mall in Queens over the weekend.

They not only watched the Malaysian dancers perform but also had a chance to get on stage and do the *joget*.

It was the older Malaysian women who were quick to get on the dancing floor as the music was too tempting to resist.

The annual festival was held to showcase the cultures and food of countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

Malaysia Day was organised by the Malaysia Association of America (MAA).

The dance troupe under the Tourism Malaysia office here

performed a number of dances, while Malaysians living here sold food and titbits.

MAA president Kwong Yoo said the event was a success, judging from the audience size and the people's interest in Malaysian culture.

"We used the event to promote Malaysian culture, food and tourism as it is our aim to make people here aware of Malaysia and what it has to offer," said Kwong.

He said the MAA was working towards building a strong Malaysian community so that they could better interact with the other communities who had settled here.

"To accomplish this, the MAA plans to organise a series of events, including community services, sport activities and friendly sport tournaments," he said.



ENTERTAINING: Some of the people in the audience joining the dancers in doing the *joget* on Malaysia Day in Queens, New York, over the weekend.