

Special play on Merdeka

Show to portray struggle of all races for independence

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KUALA LUMPUR: A play entitled *Perjuangan* featuring the history of how Tun Tan Cheng Lock and other national leaders fought for independence with cooperation, understanding and tolerance, will be presented in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Merdeka.

The premiere of the stage presentation, featuring a combination of choir singing, music, multimedia techniques and drama to tell stories of close ties among the three races in the country will be performed at 7.30pm on June 30 and 3pm on July 1 at Wisma MCA with tickets priced at RM40, RM20 and RM10.

Presented by local Chinese, Indian and Malay actors and actresses, the play symbolises the muhibbah spirit among the various races in the country.

The play, which will be conducted in Mandarin, will have subtitles in English and Malay.

MCA deputy president Datuk Seri Chan Kong Choy, in a press conference held at Wisma MCA yesterday, said the play will be staged 50 times nationwide after the premiere in Malacca.

"The play will show how the Chinese contributed to nation building and inform the

younger generation that the nation was built with tolerance, co-operation and understanding among the races without bloodshed.

"Through various means, we would like to show our younger generation the process and importance of nation building in our history," said Chan.

The two-hour play is directed by Seow Long from Hong Kong with a total of 60 Malaysian artistes, including Jalalludin Hasan while 300 students from Hanxing Academy of Journalism and Communication will also be involved.

The organisers of the play include The Dramatic Art Society, Federation of Chinese Associations of Malaysia, Hanxing Academy, Culture Bureau of MCA and others with support from the Culture, Arts and Heritage Department.

A photography contest will also be organised in conjunction with the play, and the top prize will be RM5,000 worth of products.

For details on tickets for the play and the photography contest, contact the working committee at 03-9283-5211 or visit the website www.dramatic.com.my

The working committee also welcomes sponsorships for the play.

