

Najib joins thousands at record 'yee sang' event

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KUALA LUMPUR: Thousands of Malaysians made history tossing a 999m-long *yee sang* along Jalan Bukit Bintang here yesterday.

The *yee sang*, a Chinese New Year delicacy, was prepared by 99 chefs and has been recognised by the Malaysia Book of Records as the longest of its kind in the country, beating last year's record an 880m spread by Mydin Wholesale Emporium.

The *yee sang* was laid out on several rows of joint tables.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak and his wife Datin Seri Rosmah Mansor, along with Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and his wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah, also took part in the event.

The CNY festival was organised by event planning company Human Voyage, and was also attended by 488 Chinese associations from all over the nation, including 282 temple committees.

The crowd was also entertained by drum performances, 333 lion dancers from various dance troupes and local artistes including Jaclyn Victor, Athena Beh and Shila Amzah.

The Prime Minister was presented a Chinese calligraphy piece which read *Sheng* (meaning "win" in Chinese) by calligraphy master Liew Choon Fatt.

While addressing the crowd at the event, Najib said that the country's success was not won without first having to overcome challenges.

"We have travelled a long way and have faced many trials to be where we are today, a modern, progressive Malaysia.

"However, each time we faced a crisis, we came out of it stronger because we were united and worked as one," he said.

He added that the country enjoyed peace and racial harmony today because the Government encouraged integration, instead of assimilation.

"Transformation can only be achieved with success if all of us are together despite our differences," he said.

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