

**Agong Graces Lighted Boat Parade At Kuching Waterfront
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KUCHING, Sept 15 (Bernama) -- The Yang di- Pertuan Agong Tuanku Abdul Halim Mu'adzam Shah graced the lighted boat parade in conjunction with Sarawak's 50th anniversary of independence in Malaysia at the Sarawak Waterfront here Sunday night.

The celebration began with His Majesty turning a steering wheel, which followed by boat horn blasts and firework displays.

His Majesty was then presented with a spectacular water screen show displaying the celebration logo and a montage of the development of Sarawak and its multi-ethnic society over the past 50 years.

Also present was the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah Hamidun.

Sarawak Yang Dipertua Negeri Tun Abang Muhammad Salahuddin Abang Barieng, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak, Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, Sarawak Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud also attended the event, along with their wives.

Approximately 50 boats illuminated with thousands coloured lights, including 'perahu tambang', kayak and jet skis, from the various government departments, agencies, state statutory bodies and private companies took part in the parade.

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