

Traditional games brighten festive celebration

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IT WAS a nostalgic trip down memory lane for many visitors to a Hari Raya Aidilfitri do organised by d'Tempat Country Club in Bandar Sri Sendayan near Seremban, Negri Sembilan, as they had a chance to try their hand at playing traditional games once synonymous with village life.

Themed "Riuh Raya", the event gave visitors the opportunity to take part in games such as *batu seremban*, *congkak* and *tikam-tikam* and be entertained by troupes performing traditional Malay dances like *joget-joget raya* and songs.

Also on hand to keep them entertained, especially the younger ones, were the popular Upin and Ipin characters.

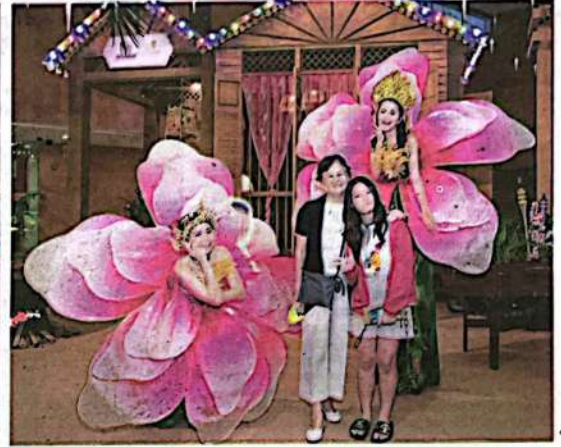
d'Tempat club sales and marketing manager Fifi Fiona Hamzah said visitors at the event reminisced about the way Hari Raya was celebrated in the past.

"Our decor was inspired by life in a fishing village and the things we used to do when we were young, such as playing these traditional games.

"Also, we picked the 'Riuh Raya' theme, which simply means 'let's make some noise', as we are organising this event after a four-year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic," she said.

Fifi Fiona said there were other activities over the two-day event such as a Caribbean musical show, quick costume changes, *bunga raya* still walkers meet-and-greet sessions, and performances by the Riuh drummers troupe.

"The objective is also to give



A group performing the joget raya dance and (right pic) guests posing for a picture with the bunga raya still walkers. (Below) Popular Upin and Ipin characters mingling with the children during the event at d'Tempat Country Club in Bandar Sri Sendayan near Seremban.

back to the community, who has been supporting us for many years.

"It is with their support that d'Tempat has grown into what it is today," she said.

Sprawled across 2.54ha, the family club has a full range of facilities, including an Olympic-sized swimming pool with aqua gym, a bowling alley, badminton, tennis and squash courts, a fitness centre, a spacious ballroom and multiple function halls.

d'Tempat Country Club is managed by Matrix Country Club Sdn Bhd, a member of Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd.

Fifi Fiona said visitors were presented with vouchers upon registration, which allowed them to participate in the games.

The winners were later able to redeem their prizes at a special counter.

