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Chinese New Year Celebrations with Underprivileged Children and Senior Citizens at Resorts World Genting Gastronomical delights, singing and magic made for a fantastic day out

Genting Highlands, 26 February 2018 – Sounds of laughter and delight could be heard yesterday at Resorts World Genting when nearly 300 underprivileged children and senior citizens from various homes were invited to Resorts World Genting on 25 February 2018 for a time of joy and jubilation for the Chinese New Year festivities in the Year of the Dog. A special celebration up in the clouds was held just for them hosted by Puan Seri Cecilia Lim, wife of Genting Malaysia’s chairman and chief executive Tan Sri Lim Kok Thay.

The celebrations started off with a bang with the arrival of the Guest of Honour, Puan Seri Cecilia Lim, ushered in by two majestic lions as part of the lion dance troupe to Coffee Terrace at the Genting Grand Hotel where the event was held. Also in attendance was Datin Seri Lee Sun Loo, wife to Datuk Seri Lee Choong Yan, president and chief operating officer of Genting Malaysia. It set off the mood for merrymaking as the children and senior citizens were delighted to receive ‘lucky oranges’ from the lions. They were also greeted by two Gods of Prosperity, Choy San Yeh who frolicked about playfully accompanied by his eight beautiful ‘Blossom Fairies’. After the exciting lion dance showcase, Puan Seri Cecilia Lim and Datin Seri Lee Sun Loo officially launched the event with the unveiling of a scroll bearing auspicious sayings.

No Chinese New Year celebration is truly complete without the customary ‘Lou Sang’ ceremony of tossing Yee Sang, where the guests tossed the yee sang as high as they could to usher in a prosperous year. Datin Seri Lee Sun Loo then took to the stage for her speech, who said “Genting Malaysia has always believed in sharing and contributing in whatever way we can to the people around us, so we are determined to not let the festive season pass us by without doing our bit for the community. Having said that, we are honoured to be able to bring joy, laughter and cheer to senior citizens today and children through this special Chinese New Year celebration at Resorts World Genting today.” She also thanked the employees of Genting Malaysia Berhad who had contributed cash through the ‘An Angpow for a Child/Senior Citizen’ campaign, which saw many employees from different departments contributed towards the Angpow.

The guests were then invited to feast on the lavish buffet spread prepared for them which included local, Asian and Western delights. They were then entertained by a very special performance by Queenzy Cheng, singer, actor and queen of Chinese New Year albums for the past two decades and also member of M-girls, dubbed the S.H.E. of Malaysia whose albums were the fastest-selling album in the Chinese New Year album history in Asia. The guests were also given an opportunity to entertain the crowd with Mr. Too Chai from Coast Chik Sin Thong Old Folks' Home Selangor and Amy from Persatuan Rumah Kebajikan Pure Life singing several popular tunes.

The children fell over laughing themselves silly during the magic show by Andrew Lee, illusionist, mentalist and a former contestant on Asia's Got Talent who wowed them by splitting a rope into three with his hands, eating tissue paper and pulling out a string of it and mind-reading. The highlight of the event was one that was heavily anticipated: the presentation of angpow and goodie bags to the guests by Puan Seri Cecilia Lim and Datin Seri Lee Sun Loo who were delighted to see the smile on the faces of all who received them. Queenzy Cheng took to the stage again with the guests of honour, children and old folks who were sporting enough to join her for a time of singing and dancing.

Upon the departure of the guests, the children excitedly departed for Snow World where many of them encountered snow for the first time where they gambolled in the snow and slid down the slippery slide in a toboggan. They were also brought to Level 4 of the SkyAvenue mall where they entered an amazing land of dinosaurs at the Jurassic Research Centre where they encountered different species of dinosaurs such as the Tyrannosaurus Rex and the Brachiosaurus. They then entered an extraordinary world of wacky and weird items at the newly opened Ripley's Believe It or Not Odditorium which holds spacecrafts to spears and a three-legged duck. While the children were entertained at the attractions, the Senior Citizens headed for the Wan Jing- Best of Teresa Teng 2018 concert who mesmerised her listeners with her melodic voice akin to that of the late Taiwanese legend. They then headed home with memories that will last them a long time.

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