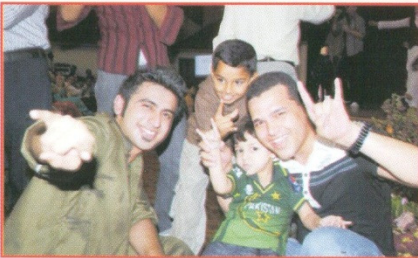
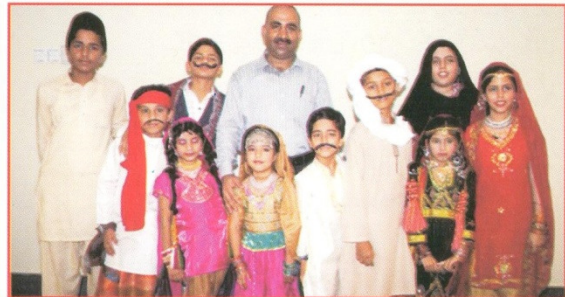


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Respected Mrs. Sonia Masood wife of the His Excellency, Masood Khalid High Commissioner of Pakistan for Malaysia presenting souvenir to Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Binti Datuk Abdul Samad, wife of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Patron of PERWAKILAN, during her visit at Pakistan High Commission's booth in Wisma Putra International Charity Bazaar 2011

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KUALA LUMPUR: The Ladies Association of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia, also known as PERWAKILAN (Persatuan Wanita Kementerian Luar Negeri Malaysia) organized the Wisma Putra International Charity Bazaar 2011 at the Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations (IDFR) in Kuala Lumpur on 16-17 April 2011.

The main purpose of the ' Charity Bazaar was to raise funds to be donated to the paediatric wards in and around Kuala Lumpur and organizations in need.

The bazaar was also intended to provide an opportunity to embassies in Kuala Lumpur to promote their culture, tourism, food and goods (products) of their country. At the same time, the bazaar will also provide a platform to the general public to interact with foreign embassies, ministries/agencies/departments and the corporate sector which will also be taking part in the bazaar. The Bazaar also aims to promote the role and functions of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia and its training institute, IDFR.

The Opening Ceremony which began at 10.00 a.m. was graced by Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Datuk Abdul Samad, Patron of PERWAKILAN followed by a Press Conference and ended with a VIP's tour by Y.Bhg. Datin Sri accompanied by Y.Bhg. Datuk Mohd Radzi Abdul Rahman, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Y.Bhg. Dato' Ku Jaafar Ku Shaari, Director General of IDFR and Y.Bhg. Datin Jazliza Jalaluddin, President of PERWAKILAN.

The Ceremony started off on a high note when the arrival of Y.Bhg. Datin Sri was accompanied by the talented Victoria Institution Bagpipe Cadet which engulfed the whole audience into their bagpipe world. This was followed by the singing of Malaysia's national anthem, "Negaraku" and the recitation of Doa' by En. Mohd Sabri Zakaria, Assistant Director IDFR..The Sponsors were then invited on stage for a Mock Cheque Presentation to the PERWAKILAN and a Group Photo with Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Datuk Abdul Samad.

To entice the audiences with the offerings of the Bazaar, there were three (3) performances showcased by the Embassies which were the Embassy of the Republic of Venezuela, the Embassy of the Russian Federation and the Embassy of the People's Republic of China. The audiences were captivated by all the performances and were looking forward for more performances as scheduled in the programme of the two days event.

Following the Opening Ceremony, the VIPs were then ushered into the Press Conference Room which was packed with Medias. The Press Conference provided the window for Y.Bhg.Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Datuk Abdul Samad to express PERWAKILAN's hope on the bazaar.

The Ceremony ended on a lighter note with the VIP tour by Y.Bhg. Datin Sri Siti Rubiah Datuk Abdul Samad accompanied by the other VIPs to the five (5) attractions of the bazaar which had the participation of 38 foreign embassies in Kuala Lumpur, 30 institutes of higher learning and private institutions as well as 43 indigenous entrepreneurs and 18 food operators. The five (5) main attractions of the bazaar were:

1. Global Village- Promotion by foreign missions in Kuala Lumpur of their respective countries' culture, tourism potential, education, etc. Special tents would be provided to them for this purpose. Pakistan High Commission had setup a stall in the "Global Village' pavilion wherein Pakistan's artifacts, handicrafts, and exhibits depicting our rich social and cultural heritage were show cased. The exhibits and handicrafts remained hot favorite amongst the visitors and were sold out in a large number.
2. World Cuisine- Promotion of international and local cuisines through food stall set up by foreign missions as well as those in the local food business. In the, "World Cuisine Section", Pakistani food greeted the visitors with its exotic delicacies including the mouth watering Pakistani Biryani, Kababs, Chicken Qourma, Nan and Gulab Jaman and tested their taste buds with aromatic and spicy flavours and rich taste.
3. Aim High- An "education fair" in which Institutions of higher learning international schools, travel agencies and computer firms would promote their goods and services by setting up promotion booths;
4. It is a Small World-Cultural performances by the foreign missions and local cultural groups. In the, "Small World Section", Pakistani students of Asia Pacific University College of Technology, Malaysia captivated a large audience with their excellently executed and well rehearsed folk dances depicting the cultural richness of different regions of Pakistan and students of Youth Club enthralled the visitors with their musical tableau.
The young students, Kamil Akram and Mahnoor Ashraf dressed in traditional costumes joined the, "Little Ambassadors Group", whereas, Nazia Shabbir surprised the female visitors with her exotic designs of Mehendi, a cherished social tradition of Pakistan.
5. Bazaar Malaysia-Stalls that sell foreign and local consumer items like handicrafts, clothes, books, costume jewellery etc.