

Celebrations! Cyberjaya's 5th anniversary

'Celebrations'. This is the theme for Cyberjaya's 5th anniversary celebrations to mark the realization of Malaysia's very own 'intelligent city' with a host of family entertainment activities for everyone. Setia Haruman, the master developer of the Cyberjaya flagship zone, will be bringing world-class entertainment performances throughout the festivities held to celebrate the progress and success of the Cyberjaya development.

Datuk Abdul Karim, chief executive officer of Setia Haruman, said that the celebrations will be held from September 6 - 15 to mark the city's achievements since its inception in 1997.

"We are sending out an important message to indicate a significant milestone in our efforts to create the ideal living 'intelligent city'. We also want to stress that Cyberjaya is not only an information and communications technology (ICT) hub. It is also provides an important balance to the lives of the people who live and work here through entertainment events like this.

"We have turned what was once a palm oil plantation into a cyber city. There were many who claimed Cyberjaya would be an obsolete project but we have proven them wrong," added Karim.

Setia Haruman Sdn Bhd is an equally owned entity of four of Malaysia's property developers - Renong Bhd, Landmarks Bhd,

Country Heights Holdings Bhd, and Menara Embun Sdn Bhd. They are entrusted with planning, designing and developing the 2,894-hectare Cyberjaya

Flagship Zone. Upon completion, Cyberjaya will be a fully self-sufficient 'intelligent' city with residential and commercial properties and extensive public facilities merged in its rich natural surroundings.

Today, there are approximately 17,500 people living and working in Cyberjaya. The figure includes those in the flagship zone, comprising of students at the Multimedia University (MMU), the working community, and residents.

"Response towards the residential and commercial developments in Cyberjaya has been very encouraging. We will be launching the link house and bungalow lots at The Promenade - a lakeside residential development - very soon. As for the commercial segment, office space is fast becoming scarce in Cyberjaya. A realistic forecast would be that all existing office blocks here will be taken up by year-end.



"Judging from the response towards our residential and commercial developments, it looks like we will have to embark on the next phase of the Cyberjaya development soon. We are not just celebrating the progress of Cyberjaya over the past five years, but also a new city coming to life," added Karim.

The 10-day celebration includes an international Big Top carnival promising performances by the internationally acclaimed acrobatic performers of the Flying Lotahs - Cirque du Ciel, for the first time in Malaysia. Hailed as one of the grandest Las Vegas productions, the Flying Lotahs consists of an Aqua Water show, Aerial Trapeze and a Magical Illusion performance. The carnival will also include various local artists and even a performance by students of the International College of Music, Kuala Lumpur. ●