



FLY IT: Hatta (second right) giving away a Jalur Gemilang to a representative during the Unimas Aidilfitri at DeTAR Putra. — Photos by Jeffery Mostapa.



EAST COAST FLAVOUR: One of the stalls representing the state of Kelantan at Unimas Aidilfitri.

# Unimas Aidilfitri showcases cultural diversity

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**KOTA SAMARAHAN:** Diversity of culture was the focus of this year's Universiti Malaysia Sarawak (Unimas) Aidilfitri celebration.

Nineteen food stalls under the 'Malaysia Raya' theme served food to all visitors at the DeTAR Putra Unimas yesterday.

The annual event organised by the university gave visitors a chance to try food found around the country. Out of the 19 stalls, 14 served signature food from all states in Malaysia.

They were competing to be judged Best Stall that day. Points were given for how well operators decorated their stalls, prepared the food, and understood the culture of the states represented.

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Among the guests were

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Dato Dr Mohamad Kadim Suaidi, chairman of the university's board of directors Datu Dr Hatta Solhi, deputy vice-chancellor (Academics and International)

Prof Dr Fatimah Abang, deputy vice-chancellor (Innovation and Research) Prof Dr Peter Songan, deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Prof Mohd Fadzil Abdul Rahman and deputy registrar Abu Bakar Ibrahim.

In his speech yesterday, Mohamad Kadim said it was the first time the university's Aidilfitri celebration was held at DeTAR Putra.

"I congratulate all those who have worked hard to make this event a success," he said.

During the same function, he too gave away Jalur Gemilang to faculty, institute, centre and division representatives of Unimas.

The ceremony marked the start of the 'Fly the Jalur Gemilang' campaign organised by the university.