**Big crowd at MPSJ CNY bash**

Seri Kembangan picked as venue this year

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Residents of Seri Kembangan enjoyed some festive cheer recently during the Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) Chinese New Year celebration. Held at a basketball court in Jalan Indah 2, Taman University Indah, Seri Kembangan, MPSJ councillor Loka Ng Sai Kai said that among the event's objectives was fostering ties between council staff and the public.

He added that the budget for the event was RM30,000, with some 1,500 people expected to attend.

"It is important to build rapport between the council and the residents," said Ng, adding that the event was held in a different location each year, with previous locations including Subang Jaya, Putra Heights and Puchong.

Despite the heavy rain, the event managed to pull in a large crowd.

Many families could be seen enjoying the spread of local food, including nasi lemak, roti jala and a variety of kuih-muih.

Guests were treated to a variety of performances, including a dragon dance, an orchestra performance by Universiti Putra Malaysia's Zhong Hua Cultural Arts Society, artists from MPSJ, among others.

Among those present were Selangor local government committee chairman Ean Yong Hian Wah, Seri Kembangan MP Ong Kian Ming, MPSJ president Datuk Nor Hisham Ahmad Dahlan, MPSJ deputy president Abdullah Marjini, and MPSJ councillors Tai Cheng Heng, Mohd Saffullah Mohd Zulkifli and Michael Noel Jalleh.

Getting together: On stage for a photo shoot are (from left) Michael Noel, Tai, Ng, Nor Hisham, Ong, COPD Razimi and Abdullah Marjini.