



The children's football competition also drew in the crowds.



Participants of the Chinese calligraphy competition patiently attempting to do their best.

# Fun day out for Serdang Raya folk

Mesra Rakyat Carnival also aims to raise cancer awareness

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SERDANG Raya residents started their Sunday morning early by flocking to the Mesra Rakyat Carnival and the Serdang Community Cancer Awareness campaign in the Serdang Raya 3K Complex.

The event was organised through a collaboration between Subang Jaya Municipal Council (MPSJ) and the Universiti Putra Malaysia Asian Medical Student Association (Amsa UPM).

MPSJ's first female president Noraini Roslan, who clocked in this week, was also present at the event.

Noraini said, "We hope we can bridge the distance between the local authority and the people to improve communication."

"MPSJ had been organising all

kinds of programmes and activities in the neighbourhood to get closer to the people and I appreciate the residents as they have always actively participated in our programmes."

Asked about her vision as MPSJ president, Noraini said, "The municipality has performed well over the past few years but we will target better performance in the future for the sake of the people."

"My benchmark would be the international level," she added.

Also present were Serdang MP Ong Kian Ming, Seri Kembangan assemblyman Ean Yong Hian Wah and UPM's Cancer Research Institute (Care) director Professor Datin Dr Rozi Mahmud.

Ean Yong said the people must not taken cancer lightly as it was the third major cause of death in Malaysia, after heart attacks and

road accidents.

"The state government has also come up with Kad Peduli Sihat, which provides a RM700 subsidy per year to those qualified to get medical treatment in private clinics," he said, adding that those interested could apply for the card at his service centre in Seri Kembangan.

The carnival was also held to raise awareness on the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle by participating in sports and other activities.

There were various activities during the carnival such as free health screening from Amsa UPM and breast cancer checks as well as fun-filled challenges such as Chinese calligraphy, soccer and swimming competitions.

The event was held from 8am until 3pm.



Noraini (second from right) visiting one of the many booths and stalls at the carnival after launching the event. — Photos: SAMUEL ONG/The Star



A student from Amsa UPM conducting a blood test on one of the visitors.