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MALAYSIA WORLD DRUMS FESTIVAL 2008 GRAND SHOW AT DATARAN MERDEKA

The Deputy Secretary-General, Ministry of Tourism, YBhg. Datuk Haji Abdul Ghaffar A. Thambi will launch the grand show of the Malaysia World Drums Festival 2008 on 2 August 2008 at *Dataran Merdeka* (Independence Square) Kuala Lumpur at 8.00pm.

The Malaysia World Drums Festival 2008, a colossal cultural show with a variety of percussion and drum music from all over the world, began on 26 July and will end on 2 August 2008. This year's event attracts a total of 13 groups from nine countries, namely Egypt, Ghana, Indonesia, Japan, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, Venezuela and Malaysia.

Themed 'Beat The World', the festival gathers the best percussionists and dancers to play the world's most basic instrument against a backdrop of the historic Independence Square of Malaysia. A wide range of artists brandishing traditional instruments from their homelands and contemporary drum music performers will participate in the grand show. Admission is free.

The festival was kicked-off with pocket shows which started on 26 July until 1 August at major shopping complexes and tourist hot spots. The public can still catch these exciting drums pocket shows at Sunway Pyramid (29 July, 8.30pm), Berjaya Times Square (30 July, 4pm), Sungei Wang Plaza (31 July, 4pm), and the Bintang Walk near Yayasan Selangor Building (1 August, 8.30pm).

List of the performing groups:

- a) World Drums Orchestra – Malaysia
- b) Nubians Drum Group – Egypt

- c) Atenteben African Music & Dance – Ghana
- d) Jakarta State University – Indonesia
- e) Seratus Persen – Indonesia
- f) Swaraning Pring – Indonesia
- g) Enggar & Dekase – Indonesia
- h) Waidako Syo – Japan
- i) Chung Chamber Orchestra – South Korea
- j) Ikhsan City Dance Group – South Korea
- k) Rhythm Masala – Singapore
- l) Patravadi Theathre – Thailand
- m) Fundacion Aje – Venezuela

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