

## KENDURI IN THE PARK SEMPENA WORLD URBAN FORUM KE 9 (WUF9)

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**VENUE: Kanopi Taman** 

Botani, KL

**DATE**: 12 Feb. 2018

**TIME** : 8.30pm

Thank you Master of Ceremony

Yang Berhormat Tan Sri
Noh bin Haji Omar
Minister of Urban Wellbeing,
Housing and Local
Government,

Yang Berhormat Datuk
Halimah binti Mohamed
Sadique

Deputy Minister of Urban
Wellbeing, Housing and
Local Government,

Yang Berbahagia Datuk Seri
Adnan bin Hj. Md. Ikhshan
Secretary General Ministry
of Federal Territories,

Yang Berbahagia Dato' Sri
Haji Mohammad bin Mentek
Secretary General Ministry
of Urban Wellbeing,
Housing and Local
Government,

Yang Berbahagia Tan Sri Hj.

Mhd. Amin Nordin bin Abd.

**Aziz** 

Mayor Kuala Lumpur City Hall,

Yang Berbahagia Dato'
Maimunah Bt. Mohd Sharif
Executive Director of
UN-Habitat,

Yang Berusaha Puan Norliza
Binti Hashim
Chief Executive URBANICE
Malaysia,

**Distinguished Guests,** 

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Evening,

On behalf of the Federal **Territories Ministry and Kuala Lumpur City Hall, first** and foremost, I would like welcome all World Urban Forum 9 delegations to Kuala Lumpur: A City of **Contrasts and Diversity.** 

I really hope you have enjoyed your stay here so far despite your busy schedule at the World Urban Forum 9 (WUF9).

As you may know, Malaysia is a vast melting pot of cultures which are represented by multiple ethnicities, namely: Malay, Chinese and Indian.

Which not only makes us a diverse country but a plethora of amazing food which comes in an abundant variety.

For example, Malay food is a culmination of rich spices and herbs. It varies from different states in the country from North to South.

One of the more popular foods, which is kind of a national obsession is Nasi Lemak (fragrant rice cooked in coconut milk with anchovies and a spicy sauce known as sambal).

Another national obsession is the satay, little skewers of meat barbecued over a charcoal flame and served with a spicy peanut sauce.

I am sure all your mouths are watering at this point, there is no denying that Malaysia is a food heaven.

A common greeting in Malaysia is "Have you eaten?" Which shows just how ingrained food culture is in our country.

Although we have our differences, the thing that binds us as Malaysians is our love for food, any disputes or differences can be set aside to enjoy a good meal with one another.

I for one am very honoured to showcase our many delicacies we have on offer tonight at our "Kenduri in the Park".

Traditionally the word "kenduri" in Bahasa Malaysia means feast and tonight is truly a feast for the senses.

Other than the spectacular food, we have a lot of cultural performances lined up along with the breathtaking view of the Perdana Botanical Garden.

The venue was selected because we also wanted to showcase to all of you the beautiful scenery in this very famous green lung which is right smack in the middle of the hustle and bustle of the city.

This is a heritage park
which has undergone
extensive preservations for
over a decade now.

It is a pleasure to see all of you here tonight. I would like to thank each and every one of you for supporting this event. Thank you and enjoy the rest of the evening.

Ends.