



# THE LARGEST AND MOST DIVERSIFIED WORLD URBAN FORUM EVER IN KUALA LUMPUR 7-13 FEBRUARY 2018

## MALAYSIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN WUF9



## IMPACT ON MALAYSIA AND KUALA LUMPUR



## MOST PRODUCTIVE FORUM



The ninth session of the World Urban Forum (WUF9) was held in Kuala Lumpur from Feb 7 to 13, 2018. Convened by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) since 2002, the World Urban Forum (WUF) is a non-legislative technical forum which gathers policymakers, local government leaders, non-governmental organisations and expert practitioners in the field of sustainable urban development and human settlements. WUF9 saw the participation of 165 countries and over 35,000 forum participants and exhibition visitors, the highest recorded since the first WUF in Nairobi, Kenya. Thirty United Nations agencies sent over 500 personnel to participate in WUF9. Under the theme 'Cities 2030, Cities for all', WUF9's programmes focused on the New Urban Agenda. Kuala Lumpur benefited as the host of WUF9 as it is estimated that a total of RM122mil was recorded as revenue during the duration of WUF9, with RM67mil coming from tourist receipts during the event.



# Flag raising and openin



PRIME Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak launching the World Urban Forum 9 (WUF9) in Kuala Lumpur on Feb 8, 2018.

In a glittering opening ceremony, attended by ministers and other dignitaries from all corners of the world, Najib welcomed them to the beautiful city of Kuala Lumpur.

He said that the Government sought to build "a just, inclusive, and sustainable society in which no Malaysian is left behind", where the values that society holds dear were not forgotten.

"For although our cities are known and loved across the globe, Kuala Lumpur was the

world's 10th most visited city last year. For instance, we must ensure that Malaysians living in our cities enjoy a good quality of life that is sustainable for future generations," he said.

The flag-raising ceremony was held on the morning of Feb 7 outside of the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre building, attended by Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar and UN Under-Secretary-General and UN-Habitat executive director Datuk Maimunah Mohd Sharif.

The forum was organised by the Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry. The UN flag and the Jalur Gemilang were raised during the ceremony.

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Cretu, who acted as an EU delegate, congratulated Malaysia as the host of WUF9. She was impressed by the development and beauty of Malaysia and the friendliness of its people.



Commissioner for Regional Policy Corina Cretu



Falah Mohammed congratulated Malaysia for a job well done. He said based on his observation, most of the delegates at WUF9 were satisfied with the facilities provided by the host. He was also satisfied with the programme, worldwide participation, and world-class logistics. UAE hopes to share Malaysia's experience so that WUF10, which will be held in Abu Dhabi, will be a successful one.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) delegate Falah Mohammed Al Ahabbi

Solheim congratulated Malaysia on the successful organisation of WUF9, which attracted the involvement of many countries around the world.

United Nations Environment Programme executive director Erik Solheim



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## Royal participation



**Royal presence:** Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Minister Tan Sri Noh Omar talking to the Raja Muda of Selangor, Tengku Amir Shah Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah, before the start of the KL World Urban Run 2018 held in conjunction with the WUF9. Tengku Amir competed in the 10km category.



**All set:** The Raja Muda of Perlis, Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra Jamalullail (right), waving before the start of the Cycling Kuala Lumpur event in conjunction with the WUF9.

## Foreign dignitaries impressed with Malaysian public housing



**Walkabout:** Urban Wellbeing, Housing and Local Government Ministry secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohammad Mentek accompanying the US delegates during a visit to PPR Jinjang.



**Impressive:** Delegates from Morocco, South Africa and Congo are taken for a tour around PPR Sentul.

## g ceremony by PM



For the first time ever in the history of the World theme song was composed, *Titled Cities For All*, the at the opening ceremony of WUF9. The song was smokwing University of Creative Technology presi Kok Wing. The university's students, who came ies, performed in the choir.



**UN-Habitat:** UN-Habitat executive director Datuk Maimunah speaking at the opening ceremony of WUF9 at the Kuala Lumpur Centre. Maimunah is the first Malaysian woman to take the podium.



**Star attraction:** Zoleka Mandela, Global Ambassador for the Child Health Initiative, led the opening session of the forum which will take the next steps to implement the UN's New Urban Agenda for city development over the next two decades.



I urge you all to seize the opportunity of this unique gathering to share and develop practical initiatives and working partnerships that will make the new urban agenda a transformative reality. Business as usual is not an option if we are to deliver meaningful and positive change for the growing number of people living in towns and cities, and for the generations yet to come whose future is literally in our hands.

Prince Charles in a recorded speech during the opening ceremony of WUF9

Bhutan was impressed with the friendliness of Malaysians and the country's economic development, which thrived despite the fall in oil prices. The Prime Minister, she said, wished to learn from Malaysia on building a strong economy.



Prime Minister of Bhutan Works and Human Settlement Minister Sheema Dorji

Yemen was interested in learning from Malaysia's experiences in drafting policies and strategies related to building affordable housing for its people.



Republic of Yemen Public Works and Highways Minister Maeen Abdullah Abdulmalek Saeed Abdo

The Chinese delegate said that WUF9 was well organised and was impressed with the turnout at the forum. He hoped that there will be more cooperation between Malaysia and China in terms of building technology.



China Housing and Urban-Rural Development Vice-Minister Ni Hong