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### **RAMADA PLAZA MELAKA GEARS UP TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONS' 60<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Melaka, 24 August 2017 – Ramada Plaza Melaka was proud to once again be part of the state and nations' 60<sup>th</sup> National day celebrations.

Marking the beginning of our hotels National Day celebrations, we were proud to hoist the flag from the top of our hotel building with a ceremony officiated by Yang Berhormat Datuk Wira Haji Ghazale bin Mohamed, Deputy EXCO of Tourism, River, Coastal and Island Development in Melaka. The event was also attended by Puan Norena Jaafar, Tourism Director for Melaka in the presence of the Management and associates at the hotel lobby.

Commencing with the singing of the national anthem and the Melaka state song, a speech preceded from Datuk Wira who commended the hotel for taking the initiative to be part of the nations' celebrations and which hence set the precedent for other organizations to do so. The state and national flags were handed to the VIP in attendance and our General Manager by our hotel associates who were clad in their respective cultural outfits symbolizing the hoisting of the Jalur Gemilang. The 'Jalur Gemilang' and 'Sehati Sejiwa' song then ensued with the guests and staff singing in unity as they waved their flags in solidarity. The event came to a close with the "Merdeka" chant and the guests of honor being led to the main entrance of the hotel to give away flags to our drivers marking our initiative to hand out 60 flags to members of the public to signify our nations' 60 years of independence.

"We are always proud to be part of the nations' celebrations especially the upcoming Merdeka Day", said Edouard Reizian, General Manager. "We as a hotel are a melting pot of cultures, working under one roof with love, unity, respect and mutual cooperation with each other which is the core of our National Day's theme this year, "**Negaraku Sehati Sejiwa**", he added.

The hotel celebrations commenced with the decoration at the hotel lobby, with the theme centered around the official Merdeka month theme unique in that the 11 faces depicted below the 'Tugu Negara' not only represents the various cultures and ethnic groups which make up our country, Malaysia but is also made up of the staff from the respective departments within the hotel.



The symbolic structure at the hotel lobby with the visual of our hotel management and staff.

From Left to Right: Punitha Kumaren (Guest Relations), Anne Tan (Reservations), Maahad Mohd Nor (Concierge), Noraini Zaidi (Front Office), Carol Fok (Events and Catering), Edouard Reizian (General Manager), Nurashiken Zainal (Sales and Marketing), Kimberly Chee (Sales), Joseph Gabriel (Food & Beverage), Abdul Rahman (Art), Herni Tahir (Engineering)



The VIP's, Management and associates chanting "Merdeka, Merdeka, Merdeka" at the flag hoisting event held at the hotel lobby and officiated by Yang Berhormat Datuk Wira Hj Ghazale bin Muhamad, Deputy EXCO for Tourism, River, Coastal and Island Development.



This year the hotel will continue its celebration by participating in the upcoming National day eve state level celebrations by presenting a 40kg cake, themed "Sehati Sejiwa" for which the staff especially the pastry team are gearing towards its preparation. Each year for the past 3 years running, the hotel has participated and supported the state level's celebrations.

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### **About Ramada Plaza Melaka**

Set in the heart of Historical City of Melaka, Ramada Plaza Melaka is a five-star international hotel managed by Wyndham Hotel Group, the world's largest hotel group. We strive to provide a comfortable escape into timeless luxury.

As you arrive at the hotel, be greeted with a warm smile as the porters lead you to your room. Discover UNESCO world heritage sites, setting off from the hotel's central location. The Concierge desk offers the option of complimentary shuttle service to main attractions such as Jonker Street and shopping canter within mere minutes.

Before you know it, the afternoon sky soon gives way to the deep hues of sunset. You can head back to the hotel and experience our relaxing spa followed by dining in one of the hotel's award winning restaurants from authentic Chinese dim sum to Italian cuisines.

Ramada Plaza Melaka with its lush and spacious 294 beautiful ocean and river view rooms coupled with its 12 warm and inviting function rooms provide ample opportunities ranging from corporate functions to weddings and celebrations. For enquiries on catering and banquet function bookings, please contact Ramada Plaza Melaka at +60 (6) 284 8888 or email [sales@ramadaplazamelaka.com](mailto:sales@ramadaplazamelaka.com)