

Celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur, in partnership with Cyberjaya University College of Medical Sciences (CUCMS) celebrated Babu@150 - the 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2nd October 2019, in a special event at the Grand Hall of CUCMS, Selangor. The celebration was attended by senior dignitaries, members of the diplomatic corps, Indian diaspora and friends of India in Malaysia.

2. The programme began with floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. YB Senator Waytha Murthy, Minister in Prime Minister's Department (National Unity and Social Wellbeing) attended the programme as a Special guest. He was felicitated by High Commissioner of India, H.E. Mr. Mridul Kumar and Tan Sri Dato Dr R. Palan, Pro Chancellor of CUCMS. Mr. Stefan Priesner, UN Resident Coordinator also gave a special address on the occasion.

3. The programme included presentation of the video commissioned by Ministry of External Affairs, India, on one of Gandhiji's favourite songs "Vaishnava Jana To Tene Kahiye", with artists from over 124 countries paying a musical tribute to Mahatma Gandhi; a short video on the life of Mahatma Gandhi; Kathak dance repertoire - Mahatma, by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC), Kuala Lumpur, which offered a glimpse into the life and ideals of Gandhi. Noted Malaysian Singer, Dr. Hardev Kaur and group presented "Sabarmati Ke Sant Tu Ne Kar Diya Kamal", a patriotic song from the 1954 Bollywood film, Jagriti. Rattle and Hum Music Society from the North-eastern State of India, paid a spell-binding tribute to Gandhiji.

4. High Commissioner, Mridul Kumar addressed the gathering. In his remarks, he underscored the relevance of Gandhi's universal message of peace and non-violence in contemporary world. He added that Gandhi belongs not to any one country but to world and humanity.

5. High Commissioner presented books on Mahatma Gandhi to the participants of the programme.
