

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Celebration of 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and International Day of Non-Violence**

The High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur celebrated the 153rd Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the International Day of Non-Violence on 2nd October 2022 at Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre, Kuala Lumpur. This year's celebrations assume special significance as India celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav - 75 years of Independence.

2. YB Tengku Tan Sri Razaleigh Hamzah, Hon'ble Member of Parliament & Former Minister attended the programme as a special guest and delivered his keynote address. He was felicitated by the High Commissioner of India, H.E. B.N. Reddy. Notable guests also included Mr. Prabhakaran S. Nair, Founder Malaysia-India Heritage Foundation; Dato' Dr. Rajah Rasiah, Distinguished Professor of Economics at the Asia Europe Institute, University of Malaya; Mr. Venoogobal Govindasamy, Chairman, Dewan Gandhi Sungai Petani; Mr. Rathakrishnan, President, Netaji Welfare Foundation; and Mr Sandeep Singh, President Bharat Club.

3. Speaking at the occasion, Tengku Tan Sri Razaleigh Hamzah said that Mahatma Gandhi was the 'Global Father of Non-violence' and his ideals and teachings, especially on non-violence, has become even more relevant in today's world. He said that Mahatma's light and teachings on Unity, Love, Justice and Compassion will continue to guide the world including Malaysia.

4. High Commissioner H.E. Mr. B N Reddy, in his welcome remarks, highlighted that Gandhiji's preaching and practice of Ahimsa (non-violence) had a profound influence globally. The contemporary relevance of Ahimsa is celebrated by observing 2nd October as the International Day of Non-violence as the world seeks to achieve peace and harmony. The path of non-violence was the cornerstone of the independence struggles both in India and Malaysia. High Commissioner also remarked that the teachings of Mahatma have a deep connect with Malaysia and continue to have a special place here.

5. The event saw engaging cultural performances by the students of Global Indian International School, SJK(T) Edinburgh and members of Bharat Club. The celebration was attended by over 150 members of Indian diaspora and friends of India in Malaysia.

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