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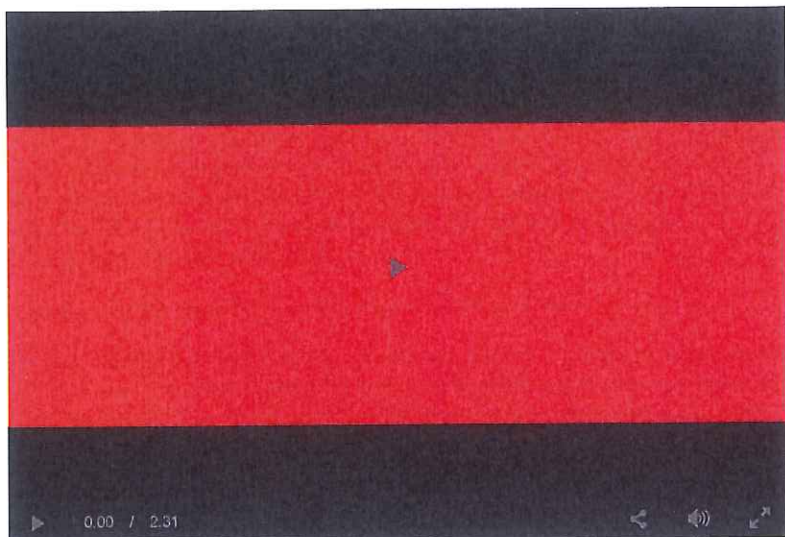
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Turning 60 together with country

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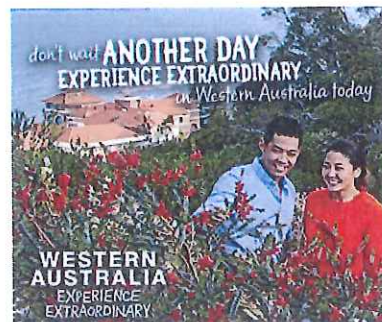
SIXTY is an important number for Malaysia this month, more so for The Federal Kuala Lumpur as the hotel celebrates 60 glorious years of providing warm friendly Malaysian hospitality.

Just three days before Malaya gained its independence in 1957, The Federal hotel, which was known as the hotel for Merdeka, was the first international-class property to open for foreign dignitaries coming to witness the historic celebration.

Located in the heart of Bukit Bintang, the hotel commemorated its diamond jubilee in style, celebrating the occasion at its Verandah lobby lounge.

"The hotel was developed and built with encouragement from the government and personal support from our nation's founding fathers, the late Tunku Abdul Rahman and the late Tun Abdul Razak Hussein, as well as the foresight and pioneering spirit of the late Tan Sri Low Yat.

"Throughout its six decades, The Federal has always been at the forefront in the hospitality industry as we are constantly innovating products and services to meet the changing demands of today's business and leisure travellers.



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Two of the hotel's longest-serving staff, Supayah (left) and Huang (right) leading the anniversary cake procession.

"The hotel has also played host to many local and international events and guests as well as badminton players competing in the Thomas Cup, Uber Cup and Merdeka Cup.

"This year, we are proud to host the Myanmar team of the current SEA Games," said Low Yat Group group executive director Low Gee Teong at the event.

Low continued to thank all the stakeholders for their continuous support, especially the dedication of employees and returning guests for bringing the hotel to where it is today.

To mark the significant milestone, a custom-made cake resembling The Federal hotel building was rolled out by employees for the cake-cutting ceremony, led by two longest-serving staff – room division manager Nancy Huang and maintenance manager A. Supayah.

Huang joined the hotel 50 years ago while Supayah has served 46 years.

Prior to the cake-cutting ceremony, guests were treated to a cultural performance followed by an inspiring video of Federal Hotel International founder and executive chairman Tan Sri Low Yow Chuan, sharing his passion for the hotel industry and helping to develop the tourist industry in Malaysia.



Low (eighth from right), Tunku Mukminah (seated in green), Mossenlechner (third from left), Mirza Mohammad (sixth from right) and Ahmad Phesal (fifth from right, with red tie) and The Federal International team with The Federal Kuala Lumpur 60th anniversary cake.

In conjunction with the celebration, guests were also treated to a sumptuous feast at the hotel's Kontiki restaurant, including specially selected recipes of Malaysia's first prime minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman's favourite dishes from *Favourite Dishes from the Tunku's Kitchen* cookbook such as Roasted Prime Ribs with Yorkshire Pudding, *itik golek*, *opor ayam*, *sambal sotong* and *telur cuka*.

Also present at the event were Tunku Abdul Rahman's niece Datuk Tunku Mukminah Tunku Mohd Jiwa, Tourism Malaysia director-general Datuk Seri Mirza Mohammad Taiyab, former Kuala Lumpur mayor Tan Sri Ahmad Phesal Talib and the Netherlands ambassador Karin Mossenlechner.

There will be an array of activities lined up in celebration of The Federal's 60th anniversary and National Day.



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Among the highlights is a storytelling live concert called Modern Grand Hotel at its ballroom in September, featuring classical songstress Yudi Yap, artiste Chong Keat Aun and actor Goh Wee Ping, under the direction of Loh and music director Tay Cher Siang, who will lead the WVC Jazz Ensemble.

There are four shows for the 90-minute concert – Sept 8, 9 and 15 dinner and/or shows and a Sept 17 luncheon and/or show.

Ticket prices for the show alone are RM150 each while the price for a meal and show is RM212, with additional discounts for senior citizens aged 55 years and above, buyers of the Federal KL's 60th or Hotel Capitol KL's 20th Anniversary Indulgence packages, Gracious Reward members and FHI Privilege Club members.

Complimentary room stay vouchers are up for grabs through The Federal's Fun with 60 social media contest happening mid-September.

The grand prize is a 4D3N stay at The Grace Hotel Sydney inclusive of breakfast for two and a brand new Lenovo Ideapad 510s laptop.

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