Inner Wheel District 331 Friendship Rally 2024

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IWC Kuching President, Koni Regod (2nd left), Organising chairman, Jane Lian Labang (right) and her members joining IWC Miri President, Cecilia Sman (4th left) for the photocall infront of the Rally's banner.

The **2nd Friendship Rally of Inner Wheel District 331**, held from 22 - 23 March 2024 in Kuching, Sarawak, was a vibrant celebration of unity, heritage, and fellowship.

Organised alongside the 12th District Annual General Meeting, the rally gathered members from Sabah and Sarawak under the theme "Segulai Sejalai – In Unity, We Move Together As One."

It was hosted by the Inner Wheel Club, IWC Kuching, led by Organising Chairman Jane Lian Labang. Members participated in meaningful sessions, fellowship nights, and cultural showcases that deepened their bonds and highlighted the diversity of Borneo.

Jane thanked the District Executive Committee, DEXCO, committee members, sponsors, and all participating clubs for the strong teamwork and dedication that made the rally a success. District Chairman Cecilia Amid concurred with Jane adding that the rally was a joyful convergence of service and sisterhood, marking a highlight in the District's calendar.

Fellowship Night themed "White & Denim."

front row - from 7th right Datin Gillian Lee (Deputy NR, Cecilia Amid (DC) and Organising Chairman, Jane (3rd left) and others members in a photocall.

The two-day programme kicked off with IWD331 Executive and Committee meetings followed by an evening of Fellowship Night themed "White & Denim."

Members enjoyed performances, games, dinner, and the presentation of tokens of appreciation to clubs that participated in the Inner Wheel Centenary Project - a blood donation drive carried out by IWC Sandakan, IWC Miri, IWC Kuching, and IWC Sibu.

There was also cash donation to fire victims of Kampung Uma Nyaving, Sarawak, showing Inner Wheel's compassionate spirit. Coincidently two members of the IWC Kuching, Anie Amat (DISO) and daughter Janet Benet were from the village.

Anie (2nd right) receives donations from IW members, handed by Cecilia (2nd left) witnessed by Datin Gillian (right) and Jane (left).

Cecilia (3rd left) symbolically handing over RM1,000 token of appreciation to 4 clubs participating in IW Centenerary projects - IWC Sandakan, Miri, Kuching and Sibu

IWC Miri members led by President Cecilia Sman (4th right) with guest of honour, Datuk Sri Lee Kim Shin (3rd right) - Sarawak Transport Minister and co-organisers of the blood donation campaign.

Funtime playing guess my name during the dinner.

The soulful Sape performance by Norfazlina Fariz.

Cecilia (centre) won herselt a lucky draw prize.

Segulai Sejalai Morning Walk

Day two started with the Segulai Sejalai Morning Walk along the scenic Kuching Waterfront, offering panoramic views of the iconic Darul Hana Bridge and the majestic Sarawak State Legislative Assembly (DUN) building. The nine-pointed 'terendak'-shaped roof of DUN became a proud symbol of the rally, reflecting Sarawak's strength and unity.

IWD 331 members at Darul Hana Bridge, led by Cecilia Amid enjoying the morning walk at the Kuching Waterfront with the iconic Dun building in the background

Astana in the background

Some colonial buildings in the background

Women entrepreneurship

Adding colour to the programme was a talk on women entrepreneurship by Ms Diana Rose on **Batik Linut** – Sarawak's first eco-batik innovation made from sago starch. Its story of tradition, creativity, and community empowerment captivated the attendees, further highlighting local pride and craftsmanship. Attendees later explored Tun Jugah Building and the Batik Linut Gallery before attending the **GALA NIGHT**.

Diana (in soft lavender baju kurung) sharing in venture in Sarawak's first eco-batik innovation made from sago starch

presentation of momento

at the gallery

The Gala Dinner at D'Seafood Restaurant

Gratitude fills the hearts of IW members and guests, particularly the host (Sarawak Cultural Village, SCV) for giving them the honor of managing the Gala Dinner.

The enchanting 'Go Javanese' theme came to life during the dinner on March 23, at D'Seafood Restaurant, Santubong, Kuching, as guests were treated to a scrumptious dinner – with Sarawak signature dishes like Manok Pansuh (chicken cooked in bamboo) and Umai besides being entertained to cultural performances.

The evening began with an exhilarating martial arts performance by the S.H.O.W.S. team, followed by a culinary journey, Manok Pansoh, accompanied by Buluh Ketuk music.

The soulful Sape performance by Norfazlina Fariz and the graceful Jawa & Keris dance by the SCV Dancers transported members and guests to the heart of Javanese culture. A mesmerizing Gasing (Top spinning) demonstration added fun to the dinner.

Jane (centre in yellow brown baju kebaya) having a photo call with IW members and guests after the Gala Dinner. Datin Gillian is at second left while CeciliA Amid is at front row at right.

SCV Dancers with their graceful Jawa & Keris dance

Datin Rubina Pung (right) and team harnessing skills on top spinning.

Alice (centre) and members from Sibu with SCV dancers

from left: Cherylyn, Cecilia Amid and Cecilia Sman with SCV dancers

Food are good but photo taking too is a must!

Legend Comes to Life

"RENTAP: THE BATTLE OF BUKIT SADOK."

As the night unfolded, guests were invited to continue their cultural immersion at the Sarawak Cultural Village Indoor Theatre, where they were captivated by the Musical Drama "Rentap: The Battle of Bukit Sadok."

It served as the most captivating highlights of the rally. Based on the legendary Iban warrior Rentap, the production brought to life his heroic journey—from his early days as Libau, a village youth skilled in leadership and survival, to his transformation into a fierce defender of his people against colonial powers.

The performance showcased pivotal moments, such as Rentap's resistance against Rajah Brooke's forces, the betrayal by his rival Roslan, and his unwavering spirit to protect Bukit Sadok, even when faced with cannons and treachery.

Inner Wheel members (in kebaya) having a photo call with cast of the musical drama -" Rentap - The Battle of Bukit Sadok "

Some of the happy and sad moments of the musical drama

Beautiful Conclusion

The night ended on a high note with joyful dancing, photo sessions, and the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne'— a beautiful conclusion to a weekend filled with joy, laughter, and lasting memories.

Indeed, the rally fulfilled its promise: a true celebration of friendship, unity, and Inner Wheel spirit

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Poco poco time

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Unity in diversity

from left: Anie, Alice and Cecilia S

The winners take it all - IWC KK
from left - Rokiah Staun, Marie Yee, Margaret Awang.

from left: Alice, Datin Gillian, Datuk Lee Swi Heng, Diana and Cecilia Sman