

Ushering 2017 in spectacular style

>New Year revellers treated to dazzling display of fireworks, concerts

PETALING JAYA: Malaysians ushered in the New Year at popular spots and were treated to spectacular fireworks shows and concerts throughout the country.

In the capital city, the skyline over places like the Kuala Lumpur City Centre (KLCC), Bukit Bintang and Dataran Merdeka lit up into a kaleidoscope of colours as fireworks exploded over them.

At KLCC, amid tight security, thousands of spectators, both local and foreign, were treated to a concert prior to the countdown as 2016 drew to a close.

The KLCC Park beside the Petronas Twin Towers saw many revellers donning electronic hair bands to light up the area and blowing their vuvuzelas to welcome the New Year in a carnival-like fashion.

In GEORGE TOWN, revellers celebrated the New Year by gathering at Penang Times Square in front of M Mall in Jalan Datuk Keramat.

About 5,000 people were treated to a concert themed "Let's Emoji" by local artistes, and dance performances as well as a fireworks display.

Penang residents also flooded the Gurney Paragon Mall in Persiaran Gurney where local artiste Dayang Nurfaizah belted out several numbers and a dance performance entertained them.

When the clock struck midnight, hundreds of balloons were released into the air.

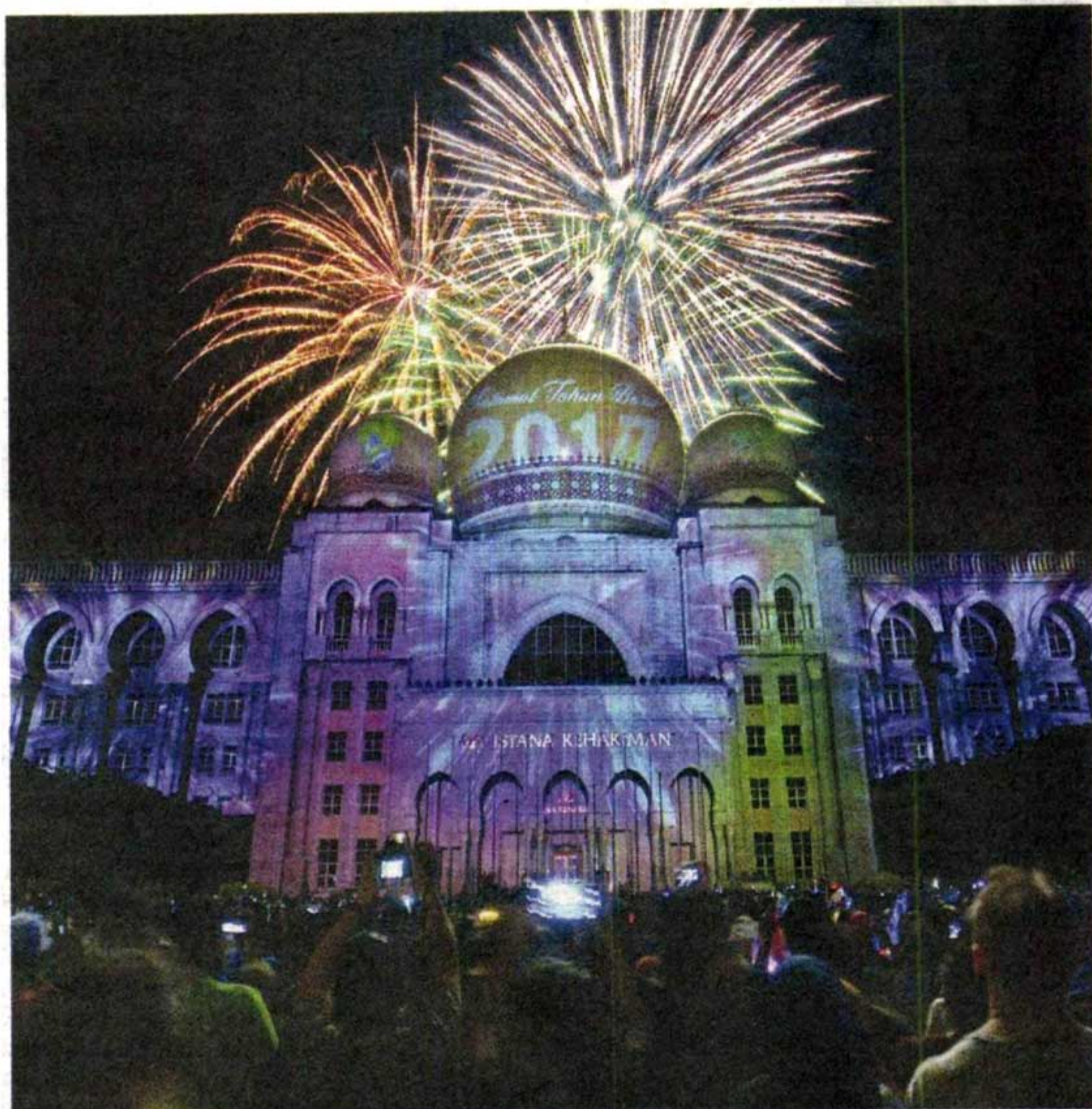
In MALACCA, rain did not dampen the festive mood of more than 10,000 people who gathered at Dataran iMalaysia in Klebang.

Organised by Tourism Malacca, the celebration saw singers like Datuk Ramli

Sarip and Ito Blues Gang rocking the concert stage. A fireworks display was also held.

The event also saw Chief Minister Datuk Seri Idris Haron launching the 2017 Malacca Tourism Calendar.

In KUCHING, spectators ushered the New Year at the Kuching Waterfront.



New Year revellers in Putrajaya enjoying the fireworks display during the Festival of Light and Motion Putrajaya 2016 at the Istana Kehakiman at Presint 3.