

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **A Chinese Cultural Evening For Preschoolers**

**Families bask in the opportunity to introduce their children to traditional Chinese activities**



KUALA LUMPUR, 3 March 2016 – Julia Gabriel Centre and Chiltern House Preschool recently hosted their annual Chinese Cultural Evening at both centres in Bangsar and CITTA Mall. Young families with children in tow were greeted with a cheerful air of festivity as the centres were abuzz with activities.

Visitors could select from a variety of activities housed in different studios, ranging from ink-brush painting and calligraphy, to Beijing opera mask painting and traditional paper cutting. Young children were also taught to appreciate and experience an array of traditional Chinese musical instruments

such as the gu zheng, a Chinese plucked zither. They could even try their hands at making glutinous rice balls and dumplings.



Highlights of the evening include an awe-inspiring face-changing performance or “bian lian”, an ancient Chinese dramatic art, and a drums performance by children from the Chiltern House Alumni. Children particularly enjoyed the musical and drama performances by the school’s Mandarin teachers, which includes a thrilling wushu fight between the twelve Chinese zodiacs. Both sessions ended with a lion dance performance much to the excitement of the crowd.

“The Chinese Cultural Evening event is one of our showcase events of the year where we invite all our students, along with their families and friends to join us for a wholesome experience of traditional Chinese activities – all housed under one roof! The children can always expect an exciting line-up of Mandarin drama and musical performances by our Mandarin teachers. Our preschoolers are also involved through poetry recitals, songs and dances,” explained Wang Pau Lee, Centre Director of Julia Gabriel Centre and Chiltern House Preschool. She also adds that they hope through such events,

young children would stand to benefit from the exposure to Chinese traditions, thus promoting a better understanding of its customs, history, literature and foods.



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