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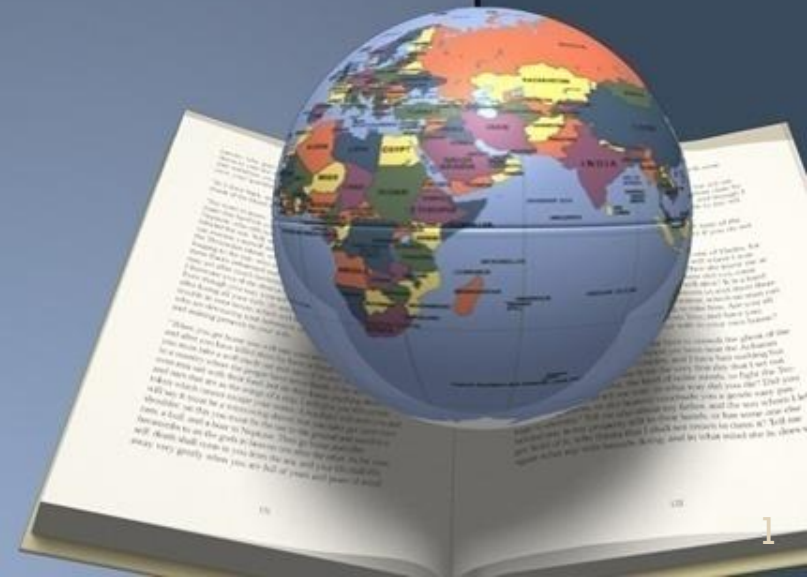
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## Satun ambil contoh Muzium Layang-Layang Pasir Gudang

JOHOR BAHRU - Muzium Layang-Layang Pasir Gudang akan dijadikan model bagi pembangunan muzium pertama seumpama itu di Satun, Thailand.

Pengerusi Majlis Pelayang Malaysia, Datuk A Rahim Nin berkata, impian tersebut telah dinyatakan wilayah berkenaan selepas melihat keberkesanan fasiliti tersebut dalam menjadi agen budaya dan kraf tempatan di negara ini.

"Menerusi perbincangan yang diadakan, pihak Satun telah bersetuju untuk membina sebuah muzium layang-layang mereka sendiri di sana.

"Daripada Majlis Pelayang Malaysia sendiri secara dasarnya menerusi Majlis Perbandaran Pasir Gudang (MPPG) kami juga bersedia untuk memberikan kerjasama bagi membantu mereka merealisasikan muzium itu," katanya.

Beliau berkata demikian selepas merasmikan Majlis Perjanjian Persefahaman (MoU) di antara MPPG dan Satun, Thailand, di Muzium Layang



A Rahim (kiri), Zainor (dua,kiri), Cai Tung (tiga,kiri) dan Amat ketika menandatangani MoU berkenaan.

Layang Pasir Gudang, di sini, kelmarin.

Hadir sama, Exco Pembangunan Wanita dan Pelancongan, Liow Cai Tung, Yang Dipertua MPPG, Zainor Adami dan Ketua Pegawai Eksekutif Pentadbiran Wilayah Malaysia, Amat Supranees.

Sementara itu, Cai Tung berkata, tujuan lain MoU adalah untuk mewujudkan persefahaman antara kedua-dua pihak dalam menjayakan penganjuran sirkit festival

layang-layang sedunia.

"Sirkit berkenaan adalah membabitkan penganjuran Festival Layang-Layang Antarabangsa berskala besar dengan penglibatan tiga negara iaitu Thailand, Malaysia dan Brunei.

"Kita berharap acara ini akan menjadi satu acara bersambungan antara satu sama lain kerana ia mampu memberikan kedua-dua negara lebih ruang untuk berkongsi pendapat dan cadangan," katanya.



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## Enthusiasts from all over the world 'go fly kite'

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**JOHOR BARU:** The phrase "go fly kite" has a different meaning for enthusiasts who took part in the 24th Pasir Gudang World Kite Festival 2019.

Participants came from all over the world to showcase their colourful kites in the five-day event.

Among them is Welsh Derek Kuhn, who is flying his triangle kite known as vlag, that can go up to 100m in the air.

"What makes it unique is that people can see it from far away as compared to a normal kite that is tethered to a string," said the 53-year-old.

However, it is not all about flying kites for Kuhn as he has also fallen in love with the warmth of Malaysia.

"Growing up in a cold country has made me fall in love with Pasir Gudang, not only for the kite festival but the warmth as well.

"In winter, the temperature back home can drop to as low as 5°C but over here, there are only dry and wet seasons," said Kuhn, who first

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Zainor Adani

came to Pasir Gudang eight years ago.

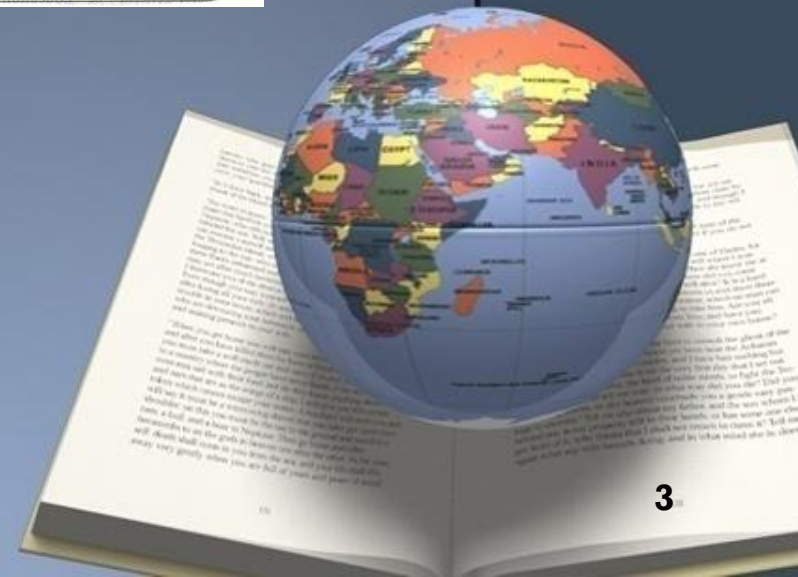
Enthusiast Chang Loo Hin, 65, grabbed the highlight at the festival with his kites, which were made in the shape of the extinct marine animal trilobite.

Pasir Gudang Municipal Council president Zainor Adani said this year, the festival featured kites from many countries, including Colombia, United Arab Emirates, Bulgaria, Hungary and Venezuela.

"This year's theme is 'The Beauty of Culture', showing traditional kites from all over the world," he said.



Colourful event: Kites of various shapes and colours flying at the 24th Pasir Gudang World Kite Festival 2019.



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Lau's kite for this year's festival resembles a centipede. — Participants busy planting a garden of wheel flowers on the field, adding vibrancy to the kite festival. Photos: REMAR NORDIN/The Star

## A chance to bond over kites

### Bigger turnout at festival showcasing the cultures of the world

By NELSON BENJAMIN and REMAR NORDIN  
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**JOHOR BARU:** Some 300,000 people, including participants from 45 countries, thronged Taman Bandar in Pasir Gudang for the three-day World Kite Festival 2019.

The kites were filled with kites of all shapes, colours and sizes, including some so large, they had to be anchored to several tractors at the park due to strong winds. The 24th Pasir Gudang World Kite Festival 2019, which is an annual event, is a popular event with participants who turn up with their families to join the activity.

One local kite enthusiast from Kuala Lumpur, Danny Lau, 54, who has been attending the kite festival for the past 15 years, said that he was excited that kite flying was gaining popularity based on the bigger turnout at the annual festival.

He said that the Pasir Gudang event was the biggest in the country followed by the Bintulu Kite Festival.

"I love kite flying as it is good for relaxation and helps you meet new friends," he said, adding that it could also help with family bonding as everyone in the family could take part.

He added that some of the kites at the annual festival would easily cost between US\$50 (RM203.7) to US\$1,000 (RM4,074) each.

Lau, who even takes part in at least two kite events overseas each year, runs two shops selling kites at Bangsar Shopping Centre and 5 Utama Shopping Centre.

"I hope the government will build more open parks so that more people will pick up kite flying as a family activity," he said, adding that his kite this year was in the shape of a centipede.

Singaporean visitor Ali Hassan, 45, who came with his family, said that his children were mesmerised with the various kinds of kites.

"These days we only played with paper kites but these days there are kites in the shape of animals, fish and even cartoon characters," he said, adding that this was their first time there.

He said that he planned to bring his family annually for this event.



Businessman Lau was taking part in the Pasir Gudang World Kite Festival for the past 15 years.



Kites of all shapes take to the air, flying over a garden of flowers.

This year's event attracted kite flyers from 45 countries, including Colombia, United Arab Emirates, Bulgaria, Hungary and Venezuela.

Meanwhile, Johor Women Development and Tourism Committee chairman Low Cai Tung said this year's theme was 'The Beauty of Culture', where visitors were able to see traditional kites from all over the world that showcased their country's unique culture.

"The theme also reflects our country's unique culture, the variety of language, food, traditions that we all share and can be proud of," she said.

The three-day event also saw the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Pasir Gudang Municipal Council (MPGC) and Satun Provincial Administrative Organisation from Thailand.

The MoU will enable the parties to exchange, share, contribute and allocate resources, the art and practices of kites and kite flying, management of cultural resources and expression of kite ideas and its cultural diversity.

"One of the contents in the MoU is the cooperation between MPGC and Satun to build the first Satun Kite Museum in Thailand that is expected to be completed in 2021," Low said.



Low (middle) being taught on how to carve a colour paper that would be decorated onto a traditional kite called the 'Wau'.



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# Unique high-flyers

Kites of all shapes and sizes swarm the skies over Pasir Gudang during the annual World Kite Festival, which attracted 300,000 visitors. >3



Breathtaking sight: Dozens of kites take to the air at the 24th edition of the Pasir Gudang World Kite Festival 2019. In the foreground, multi-coloured flowers made from a variety of materials dot the field. — REMAR NORDIN/The Star

