

Wong: Work together for a better Sibu

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SIBU: The crowd of some 1,000 who converged on the Sibu Gateway Monday evening for the countdown to the new year was told to work together for a better and greater Sibu.

The call came from Local Government and Community Development Minister Dato Sri Wong Soon Koh when he officiated at the celebration.

He said the people ought to consolidate their efforts in order to make things happen for their town as they moved forward with great confidence.

"Do your level best to contribute towards the betterment of Sibu," he exhorted, saying they could help to make their town more conducive to live in.

Stressing the importance of community spirit, he said: "It's important that we live in solidarity and with greater social cohesion, oneness, goodwill and tolerance in order to bring about a more compassionate and a more caring community of Sibu."

Wong, who is also the Second Finance Minister, said the Barisan Nasional (BN) government had been working hard to instill in the mind of the people the importance of living in harmony, goodwill and understanding amidst different racial and religious backgrounds.

Calling on the people to give the BN a fresh mandate through

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the impending general election, he urged the people to come together to face the challenges of creating a better Sibu.

Sibu Municipal Council chairman Datuk Tiong Thai King told the same audience that a close rapport between the authorities and the community was imperative in ensuring greater development of their town.

"Participatory development should be upheld so that the authorities and the community would work in partnership and synergy," he pointed out.

He assured the people that his council would continue to monitor and take action against those who were against the council's effort to maintain a clean and beautiful town.

Council deputy chairman Daniel Ngieng, secretary Hii Chang Kee, Rejang Port Authority chairman Vincent Goh, and Temenggong Vincent Lau Lee Ming were among the noteworthy who braved the drizzle to be at the function that was centred around a stage entertainment.

Most of the contestants of this year's Borneo Talent Award were there to showcase their talents.



A NEW YEAR: (From third left) Lau, Tiong, Wong, Hii, Ngieng, Goh and others on stage to welcome the New Year.



YOUNG TALENT: Feegah performs 'I Love You Like A Love Song'.



DANCE: Existing crew perform Invaders Must Die.



HAPPY NEW YEAR: The fireworks display to welcome 2013.



GOOD TIME: The crowd of young people ushering the New Year.



SUPPORT: Large crowd turns up despite the rain.



YOUNG TALENT: A girl performs during the event.



BEAUTIFUL: Dancers from Hornland Dance Theatre performs 'Kite Festival'

OPENING: SMK Methodist choir performs in the opening programme.