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## Malaysian Black-Tie Dinner All Class

MELBOURNE, Oct 4 (Bernama) - 'Malam Gemilang', the Malaysian students black-tie dinner held here last night was billed 'A Touch of Class'. It was all class.

The 10th annual event brought out the best in Malaysian students, displaying the true spirit of 1Malaysia.

Held at the prestigious Albert by The Lake (venue of the F1 Grand Prix here), the dinner was attended by 360 students and 15 guests, including Malaysian Student Department director Dr Mohd Nasir Abu Hassan, Tourism Malaysia Melbourne director Putra Hilmy Elias and Australia Malaysia Business Council Victoria president Mike Anderson.

The cultural dances were fantastic, complemented by excellent music by Malaysian student bands and individuals, and the food, 'five-star'.

A former student, Aleah Zulkafli, who has a fashion boutique here, staged a fashion parade with university students as models.

Event director Haeris Riani, of Shah Alam, told the gathering that 10 years ago, 'Malam Gemilang' was "just a dinner" attended by about 100 students from the Melbourne Umno Club.

Numbers had built up over the years and two years ago, non-Malay students were invited to join in the festivities, said the student of commerce at Deakin University here.

"All Malaysian student organisations in Melbourne, including associations and groups from universities here, have banded together in the spirit of 1Malaysia and the response has been heartwarming," he said.

About 300 students attended last year's 'Malam Gemilang' when former prime minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad and wife Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and their daughter, Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir, were guests of honour.

This year's 'Malam Gemilang' is part of Malaysia Week which includes a Fiesta Malaysia cultural show at Southbank here, the four-day Australia-Malaysia Film Festival which opens tonight and the Graduan Career Fair from Oct 10-13 at a hotel here.

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