

Significance of Hari Raya with HYBN Firefighters

Celebrating Hari Raya Aidilfitri

Pulau Muara Besar, May 2nd 2022 – Today marks the first day where the firefighters in Hengyi comes together to have a momentous celebration of Hari Raya Aidilfitri. Hari Raya Puasa, or the festival of Eid (*Eid al-Fitr*), marks the end of the fasting month of Ramadan for all Muslims and with that it embarks on a new month of the Islamic calendar, Syawal. Hari Raya is a celebration of victory in completing the fast and overcoming the personal struggles during the Ramadan month, as well as a time for forgiveness and strengthening of bonds with family members, relatives and friends.

To bring out the festive mood of this joyous occasion, the celebration was carried out through the course of two days as it also serves the purpose of enhancing the bonding and relationship between HYBN's employees: firefighters, dispatchers, PMC, together with the Management. HYBN firefighters have rallied together in arrangement and decoration of the room venue and having gift bags for the event. They have achieved their aim in making the day to be festive while capturing everyone's attention with the theme '*Raya in Caribbean*'.



Here's the itinerary for the **first day** of Hari Raya celebration;

- ◆ 10:50 - 11:00am <> Attendance of Committee Members
- ◆ 11:00 - 11:10am <> Arrival of All Guests
- **11:10am Commencement of Event** -----
- ◆ 11:10 - 11:15am <> Welcome Speech by Hardie (Emcee)
- ◆ 11:15 - 11:20am <> Speech by Haji Sahrol (Deputy Fire Chief)
- ◆ 11:20 - 11:25am <> Short Video by Creative Media Committee
- ◆ 11:25 - 11:30am <> Recitation of Doa Selamat by Izuan
- ◆ 11:30 - 12:00pm <> Game 1 with Lucky Draw & Prizes
- **12:00pm Lunch Served** -----
- ◆ 12:00 - 12:30pm <> Game 2 with Lucky Draw & Prizes
- ◆ 12:30 - 12:59pm <> Free & Easy
- **1pm onwards ~ End of Event** -----

The day was commemorated with the arrival of distinguished and honorable guests: Ma Guang Teng (*Deputy HSE Manager/Fire Chief*), Jeffrey Shariff bin Abdullah (*HSE Head of Security*), Zhang Qiang (*Combat Training Supervisor*) and Xi Xiao (*Fire Prevention Supervisor*) to partake in this event. A total of 37 guests were present which comprises of 17 firefighters (from Main Fire Station), 8 firefighters (from West Fire Station), 3 dispatchers and 9 PMC.



A welcome speech was given by Hardie Minudin (Bravo Team Leader), main emcee of the night. Shortly after that, Haji Sahrol (Deputy Fire Chief) also gave a greeting speech and this entices a warm reception from the firefighters in attendance to show their utmost appreciation. A 5-minute video (created by the Creative Media Team) was presented to the attendees and the recitation of Doa Selamat was given by Izuan Marudi.



Next comes fun and games. The event committee came up with a game to test one's endurance and capability by consuming a 'very hot and spicy instant noodles' followed by chasing it down with a 'thick solute' form of drink. The experience was quite unpleasant as it instantly upsets your stomach. There was a total of 8 participants in this game with two members each from the Main Fire Station, West Fire Station, PMC and management staffs.



To cap off the event for day one, everyone was included in the lucky draws and prizes as it has proven to be rewarding as the room was with filled with joy and laughter. The whole fire department took a group photo to commemorate and for remembrance of that specific occasion.



Next comes the second day of Hari Raya at Hengyi where the day was filled with a sumptuous feast along with assortment of sweet temptations of cakes and kueys (or kuihs). It's also a day where the team gets to enjoy the companion of each other, or team bonding, whilst enjoying the excellent food.



During this festive season, we must duly remember that the best part about celebrating Hari Raya is the renewal of ties and bonds and we must not forget that spending quality time with each other in this hectic season maintains the most meaningful.

*Bulan Ramadan Bulan Mulia
Disambut dengan penuh gembira,
Kini Syawal menjelma tiba,
Tangan ku hulus maaf dipinta
Selamat Hari Raya! Maaf Zahir dan Batin.*