

2,000 fans catch World Cup final live at UMS

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KOTA KINABALU: Around 2,000 football enthusiasts gathered to watch the FIFA World Cup final screened live over a giant LED screen at the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) mini stadium on Sunday night.

UMS, Radio Television Malaysia (RTM) Sabah and the Sepanggar Parliamentary Office jointly organised the 'Program Bola Bah Dulu', which also featured fun-filled activities for the visitors.

State Assistant Minister of Youth and Sports Arunarnsin Taib was among the guests where he represented Chief Minister Datuk Seri Panglima Mohd Shafie Adpal.

Also present was Zakaria Damit, the private secretary to Sepanggar Member of Parliament Datuk Azis Jamman and who is also the Deputy Home Minister, where he represented the latter.

The programmes started off as early as 7pm as the joint organisers had prepared various activities prior to the match kick-off at 11pm.

One of the much anticipated events was the friendly match pitting a combined team of UMS/



WORLD CUP LIVE VIEWING: A section of the crowd at the live viewing of the World Cup final at the UMS mini stadium on Sunday night.

RTM/Sepanggar Parliament against Sabah Stars 90s comprising ex-state footballers from the 90s such as current Sabah head coach Jelius Ating and assistant Burhan Ajuj.

Other activities or programmes included the penalty challenge, PS4 challenge, artists performance, football quizzes, football juggling competitions, busking and lucky draws.

There were also food trucks and stalls to cater for the huge crowd at the programme which was

organised in conjunction with the finale to the greatest show on earth.

A month on and 63 games later, the 2018 World Cup hosted by Russia reached its climax with its 64th game on Sunday night, where France took on Croatia in the final played at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow.

France would go on to win 4-2 in a thrilling title match to claim their second World Cup title after their maiden victory in 1998.