One small step

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HE didn't bargain for this, but he isn't complaining. It's 6pm. Nanda, the evening's MC, takes time out from his many errands to play with two-year-old Joy. This namesake is no coincidence - earlier, the chairs had been wiped clean of dust, the grounds swept, the entire house mopped, sound system checked. Chores done together with fun and laughter. It is about joy, isn't it?

September 16. Hari Malaysia. The day also marks Saya Anak Bangsa Malaysia's first year as we do our bit in sharing with our fellow citizens that there is such a thing as participation in democracy. It had been a year with meaning. We mark the evening with a gathering at the Rumah Anak Bangsa Malaysia.

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It's 6:30pm and our first guests begin to filter in. We meet again many old friends, gems whom we've known even before SABM was born.

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Waktu Maghrib. The Pavilion is filled, the journey's begun. Nanda kicks off the evening with a
simple opening and a video recapping the journey so far.

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[illegible] Chee Seng

[illegible], renders the song live and [illegible] everyone with her vocal range. [illegible]

Another [illegible] participant, gig regulars Paid In Fiction, string together a medley of three songs

[illegible] minds dominate. Karl tells us his

Justine Tan, who authored the SABM invitation to Hari Malaysia, emphasises the message on her T-shirt and the need for student power.

Azira Aziz, who is now a partner in a law firm, talks about the need to stand.

country. [illegible] nation's youths, one can't help but feel good vibes for the

BAH BORNEO
ADHUNT

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