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Fireworks light up Putrajaya

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Launch of International Firework Competition 2007

PUTRAJAYA: A dazzling array of pyrotechnics which threw up glimmering reflections from the Putrajaya lake delighted those who watched the International Fireworks Competition as it got under way.

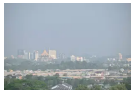
The competition, launched by Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre - the most strategic point to view the fireworks - last night, will see a series of "fiery nights" for the capital as Japan, Italy, Australia and Malaysia try to outdo each other.

Malaysia kicked off the competition last night with a 20-

minute deafening display at 10pm.



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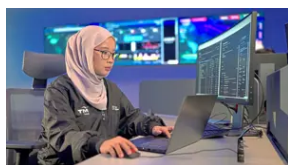


Dazzling display: The fireworks show by Malaysia lighting up Putrajaya and the surrounding areas at the opening of the First International Fireworks Competition in Putrajaya last night.

Around 100,000 people turned up for the event.

Tengku Adnan said the competition was about “bringing Malaysia to the world and the world to Malaysia.”

“Beginning tonight and for two weeks, the skyline here will be highlighted by a magical display, which will determine the winner of the Golden Merdeka Trophy.”



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Australia will take the stage on Aug 22, followed by Italy (Aug 25) and Japan (Aug 30), while Team Global Display

has been scheduled for six minutes on the other days starting tonight, Aug 24, Aug 31 and Sept 1.

Fireworks company Pyrofest Canada will have the honour of lighting up the sky on the final night on Sept 2.

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