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Celebrating *our* diversity

> Malaysian artistes Shila Amzah, Reshmonu and Gary Chaw proved that music is colour blind at the recent AIA Generasi Malaysia concert

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MUSIC is one medium that can connect people from different ethnicities and backgrounds, especially in our multi-racial country.

The recent AIA Generasi Malaysia Concert, organised by AIA Bhd, was a celebration of our diversity through the power of music.

The concert featured three of Malaysia's well-known artistes - Shila Amzah, Reshmonu and Gary Chaw - who have made their mark overseas.

The trio thrilled thousands of Malaysians who filled the Putra Indoor Stadium at Bukit Jalil in a celebration of unity and diversity.

Reshmonu was the first on stage with his cover of Michael Buble's *I'm Lost*, Marvin Gaye's classic *Let's Get It On*, Ed Sheeran's hit *Thinking Out Loud* and Magic's *Rude*.

He also offered his stylistic fusion of pop, reggae and dance which got the audience to groove along.

Then, halfway through his performance, Reshmonu asked the audience to sing *Happy Birthday* to his son, who was celebrating his birthday that day.

He then continued with five of his biggest hits - *It's You That Matters*, *Hey Waley*, *Understand*, *Oh Anok Anok* and *The Way It Makes You Move*.

Next up was Shila, who greeted the crowd in flawless Mandarin, not surprising since she



(from right) Chaw, Reshmonu and Shila ... uniting the people (above) with their music.



became a sensation in China after coming in third in season two of the Chinese reality singing competition, *I am a Singer*. She performed



two of her Mandarin singles, *Zheng Fu* and *Xiang Ne De Ye*, which wowed the crowd alongside her Malay hit singles *Patah Seribu* and *Masih Aku Cinta*. She also covered

three of Beyonce's hit songs - *Halo*, *Love on Top* and *Crazy in Love* - showcasing her incredible vocal prowess and language versatility.

Last but not least is Gary Chaw, who is based in Taiwan. He bowled everyone over with songs such as *Hoi Fut Tin Hung*, *Qi Chuang Ge*, *Guan Jun* and *Shi Jie Wei Yi De Ni*.

After an exhilarating set, Chaw invited Shila back



onstage for a duet to the song, *Yue Kiang Dai Biao Wo De Xin*.

It was the first time the two collaborated together, which was a treat for the audience.

The night ended on a patriotic note in a celebration of the spirit of Generasi Malaysia, when all three artistes came together for a rousing and passionate performance of *Saya Anak Malaysia* together with the audience.

At an earlier press conference, AIA Bhd's chief executive officer Anusha Thavarajah said AIA said: "Music has the power not only to entertain but to captivate its audience."

"More importantly, music has the power to unite people from all walks of life."