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IT was like an early National Day celebration at the AIA Generasi Malaysia Concert 2015 as three Malaysian singers wowed 10,000 local music fans at the Putra Indoor Stadium, Bukit Jalil, on Saturday night.

In keeping with the show's tagline Real Music Never Stops, Gary Chaw, 35, Shila Amzah, 24, and Reshmonu, 39, got fans grooving to a two-hour-long showcase of 25 of their favourite hits.

Sabah-born Chaw, who has been based in Taiwan for more than a decade, and Shila, who is now based in China, flew back to join Reshmonu in what they described as a platform to celebrate Malaysia's diversity.

In a press conference last week, Chaw said: "It's a great honour to be able to share the music and stories with the younger generation, while doing what we love most, and enjoying every moment of it. And, for me, in a subtle way, we can change the world with music."

Reshmonu added that he was elated AIA Generasi Malaysia "brought together people from all walks of life for a fusion of culture and music in a massive celebration."

Shila also shared that she was thrilled to be performing for her Malaysian supporters

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Gary Chaw, Shila Amzah and Reshmonu rocked the AIA Generasi Malaysia Concert 2015.

and that she was "super excited to be performing with Resh and Gary."

Coincidentally, all three singers are due to release their new albums sometime soon.

It has been two years since Chaw last released an album and he is targeting a September release for his next record, which he says will comprise some 15 to 20 songs. Meanwhile, Shila's Mandarin album is ready but she hopes to release a single first. Reshmonu is also preparing to launch a new album of eight tracks.

Looking dapper in a suit, with his trademark dreadlocks gone and replaced by a slick hairdo, Reshmonu opened the show with a jazz and soul medley (Michael Buble's *I'm Lost*, Marvin Gaye's *Let's Get It On* and Ed Sheeran's *Thinking Out Loud*). He followed that with a reggae medley (Magic!'s *Rude*, Jason Mraz's *I'm Yours* and

his own hit *It's You That Matters*). There was also a dance medley: Maroon 5's *Move Like Jagger* and some of his own songs: *Hey Waley*, *Understand*, *Oh Anok Anok* and *The Way It Makes You Move*.

During the concert too, Reshmonu shared that his son Jareece has just turned three. He then led the crowd to sing *Happy Birthday* to celebrate the joyful occasion.

When it came to Shila's turn, the songstress belted out both Malay numbers (*Patah Seribu* and *Masih Aku Cinta*) and Mandarin tunes - *Zheng Fu* (Conquer) and *Xiang Ni De Ye* (Thinking Of You On A Lonely Night). The Mandarin numbers are of course what she performed at *I Am A Singer*, the Chinese singing competition that made her a celebrity in China.

Swishing her cape as she swirled around in a creamy satin pantsuit, Shila worked the

crowd with a Beyonce medley (*If I Were A Boy*, *Irreplaceable*, *Love On Top* and *Crazy In Love*). To appease her screaming fans, Shila even did an impromptu rendition of Wang Lee Hom's *Forever Love*.

Excitement reached fever pitch when Chaw took to the stage, and fans screamed their lungs out as he kicked off his segment with Cantonese rock anthem *Hoi Fut Tin Hung* (Boundless Oceans, Vast Skies). It was his tribute to iconic Beyond frontman Wong Ka Kui, whose birthday was on June 10.

The singer-songwriter, who had been back recently to promote his reality movie *Baba Qu Na Er 2* (Dad, Where Are We Going 2), then continued with a selection of his most popular Mandarin hits: *Qi Chuang Ge* (Wake Up Song), *Guan Jun* (Champion), *Shi Jie Wei Yi De Ni* (You're The Only One In This World).

Responding to calls for an encore, Chaw invited Shila to join him as the two serenaded their fans with Teresa Teng-favourite evergreen Chinese hit *Yue Liang Dai Biao Wo De Xin* (The Moon Represents My Heart).

For the finale, Reshmonu returned to the stage to join Chaw and Shila for a rousing performance of *Saya Anak Malaysia*. The energetic trio got the crowd on their feet to sing along to the song, too.



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1 Chaw, Shila and Reshmonu performed *Saya Anak Malaysia* at the concert.

2 Chaw shared his music and stories with the audience.

3 Shila presented Malay and Mandarin numbers.

4 Reshmonu incorporated the dhol into his performance to celebrate Malaysia's diversity. — Photos: BRIAN MOH/The Star