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Record creates a sen-se of unity

SINTOK: The Universiti Utara Malaysia (UUM) Economic Students Association entered the Malaysia Book of Records by creating a 1Malaysia logo using 622,187 pieces of 10 sen coins.

A total of 1,920 students took three days to build the 25m-long and 13m-wide structure at the university's Army Reserve Training Centre at the campus here.

The first coin had been ceremoniously placed by UUM deputy vice-chancellor (Student Affairs and Alumni) Datuk Dr Ahmad Faiz Hamid on Friday.

Meanwhile, the last coin was placed yesterday by Information, Communication and Culture Deputy Minister Datuk Joseph

Salang Gandom to complete the 1Malaysia logo.

Project manager Mohd Hafizi Ahmad said they managed to break the previous record for a similar structure which was 19.8m-long and 12m-wide.

"We managed to collect 670,000 coins for the project, but we didn't use them all.

"The coins will be donated to several charities and also the association's fund," he added.

Salang, who presented the Malaysia Book of Records certificate to Mohd Hafizi, said the project managed to unite the university students of different races in the 1Malaysia concept.

He said the project was also a good way to raise funds for charities.



The final touch: Salang (centre) with UUM vice-chancellor Prof Dr Mohamed Mustafa Ishak (left) placing the final coins for the 1Malaysia logo yesterday.