



## 40 Years Celebration at DSKL

**TRIBUTE.** The German School Kuala Lumpur (DSKL) celebrates its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary together with its school community.

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Those who visited DSKL on Saturday, 1 June 2019 were plunged into a very special atmosphere. Clown faces, pennant chains and circus images adorned the entire schoolyard. The scent of popcorn and cotton candy filled the air.

Acrobats in their tutus scurried about among the waiting guests, make-up clowns looked for their props at the last minute and magicians proudly strutted around with their huge top hats – big and little artists prepared for their grand circus performance.

At 2.30 pm, the spectacle kicked off in the gym. Students captivated the audience with their amazing performances – the result of four days of hard but highly motivating project work. The gym had been transformed into a real circus arena with the help of dedicated parents. Meanwhile, the school's Sinfonietta played circus music.

At the 'Entrée des Gladiateurs', clowns

marched onto the stage, stumbling with their feet crossing over, entertaining the audience with their amusing sketches. This was followed by twelve different artistic groups: body painting show, acrobats, pantomime, basketball and hip hop, show time, cowboys, jump rope, magician, aerial acrobatics, balance, taekwondo, and last but not least, a soap bubble fashion show by the children from the kindergarten.

By then, the students had all overcome their stage fright and proudly presented their newfound tricks in the two-hour circus extravaganza. Everyone came onstage again for the grand finale, raucously singing the fitting song "This is me" from the film *The Greatest Showman*.

Following the circus performance, all guests moved to the school yard. As darkness set in, the youngest fire-breathers mesmerised the audience with their scintillating fire clouds. However, not only the

spectacular student performances wowed the audience. Parents had lovingly prepared a sumptuous buffet offering delicacies from many different countries, reflecting the true multiculturalism of our school community. The seven teachers who will be leaving DSKL at the end of the school year in summer enjoyed a very emotional parent choir, dedicating two special songs to music teacher, Karsten Schulz.

The wonderful festive evening was winding to a close with much dancing and music. The guest band "2020" and our very own school bands enticed the audience to go wild on the dance floor. The kids' band, student band and the teacher band had refreshed their repertoire for this commemorative event and 40 Years DSKL was thus an unforgettable celebration for the entire school community and guests. 🎵



Sporty girls presenting their great acrobatic tricks.



Talented clowns entertaining the audience professionally.