

World Cup fever heats up at Sunway University



(From left) Ceglia, Chong and Balaguer with the Brazilian and Argentina sun-birds in the background.

WITH the 2018 World Cup in Russia up and running, it was a huge surprise that both the Argentinian captain Lionel Messi and Brazilian superstar Neymar made a 'flying visit' to Malaysia.

The international football mega stars were warmly received by the hundreds who had gathered to witness their arrival, and no one was more excited than Argentina's ambassador to Malaysia, Manuel Balaguer Salas and his nation's long standing football rival, none other than Brazil's ambassador to Malaysia Carlos Martins Ceglia.

Before guests could catch their breath they were serenaded by local opera singer Solomon Chong who performed an inspiring rendition of the classic *Nessum Dorma*.

Sunway University, pioneer partners of the F1 at Sepang in 2016, creators of the first four projector laser light show in Asean during 2017 and the

nation's first ever sponsor of an English FA Cup team in 2018 were once again at their most creative best.

Campus iconic sun-birds that have been part of the successful Sunway Education story for three decades were beautifully and elegantly given a World Cup makeover by the Sunway team to embrace this year's event in Russia.

Whilst one sun-bird wore the glorious yellow jersey of Brazil's Neymar, the other proudly portrayed Messi.

Both ambassadors played their roles in making the day, incredibly memorable for the thousands of students at Sunway University.

In thanking both ambassadors for their wonderful hospitality and positive spirit, Sunway University senior executive director Dr Elizabeth Lee said: "This global event in Russia, provides Sunway University with an ideal platform to showcase the splen-

did cultural diversity that we have and are very proud of. Of the 32 nations taking part in the World Cup, over half are represented by students here at Sunway. Throughout the month of the tournament there will be series of events, activities, games and special moments for both international and local students to enjoy. In July, Sunway University will host Malaysia's first ever drone soccer game live on campus."

Dr Lee also revealed, that one lucky Sunway student will win the glorious World Cup Tribute Trophy proudly displayed on campus. Whilst recognising the popularity of the upcoming showcase, Dr Lee advised students that, "When it comes to your studies, keep your eye on the ball."

The spectacular display and trophy will remain on campus for the duration of the world's greatest show on earth.

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