

Lat brings back memories

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KUALA LUMPUR: Lat's cartoons have a way of taking Malaysians back to their childhood days. Many visitors to "Lat's 1Malaysia Exhibition" at the Bangsar Shopping Centre yesterday found themselves taking a stroll down memory lane as they viewed the 60 sketches on display.

Nuraini Samad, who has been a Lat fan for 35 years, decided to come home from Newcastle, Australia, where she now lives after hearing about the exhibition.

The 43-year-old mother of three, who runs a laundry, said she discovered Lat's cartoon in the New Straits Times when she was 10.

"My best friend told me about the exhibition in a recent email. I have been looking forward to being here.

"I can't help laughing at his cartoons although I have seen them many times before. Looking at his cartoons today brought back many childhood memories."

Datin Emmy Daud from Kelana Jaya echoed Nuraini's sentiments as she recalled a scene from Lat's "Kampung Boy" which was similar to some of her childhood experiences.

"When I was younger, I used to eat the ice kepal just like in the 'Kampung Boy' book. It is amazing how we used to find joy in the simplest things."

Lat's work will be on display until Aug 31.

Visitors can purchase limited edition denim shirts embroidered with Lat's sketches at the NST booth.

His latest book, Lat the Early Years, published by the NSTP Resource Centre, is on sale at RM120 per copy.

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