

# School celebrates with seafood spread

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**ALOR SETAR:** It was a feast like no other when some 800 students, teachers and staff members of SMK Simpang Kuala rolled up their sleeves to put together a 156m-long seafood spread in celebration of Teachers Day and unity.

Made up of mainly clams, crabs and prawns, the presentation, known as "shellout" was embellished with broccoli, carrots and sausages.

Principal Mustaffa Ahmad said the idea was mooted by the school management and Parent-Teacher Association to promote unity among the multi-racial students, teachers and staff.

"We want to bring back the days when there was a high level of unity and mutual respect, like in the 70s.

Mustaffa said the school was aiming to make it to the *Malaysia Book of Records* but fell short.

"We needed a length of over 500m but only managed 156m.

However, it did not dampen our spirits.

"We are happy to celebrate Teachers Day in line with the Student Integration Plan for Unity," he said.

Mustaffa said the shellout spread was chosen because many of the students had never tried the novelty.

The teachers and students had worked since Monday evening to get the ingredients ready and prepare shellout.

The event also saw wheelchair-bound Chin Kai Qin, 13, being helped by his Malay schoolmates to get around.

His mother, who declined to be named, said he had a great time and never felt left out.

Twins Nursuhaila and Nursuhaili Mohamad Nasir, 17, said such an event was heartening as it involved everyone, irrespective of race or religion.



**Novel feat:** SMK Simpang Kuala students and teachers posing with their 'shellout project' at the school's parking lot.