



A splashing good time

Indian national Anitha Bhaktha (right), 29, getting a dousing from five-year-old Yash Agrawal at the Tampines Festival Park yesterday.

They were among hundreds of boisterous revellers indulging in water slinging and getting smeared with multi-hued dyes, at the celebration of an Asian water festival yesterday.

Water is central to cleansing rituals practised when welcoming the new year in countries like Cambodia, Laos and Thailand.

Adorning others with dyes hails from Holi, an Indian festival. It is symbolic of the giving of blessings.

At yesterday's event, Asian foods were on sale. The crowds also caught traditional dances from different cultures, along with displays of ethnic costumes. ST PHOTO: AZIZ HUSSIN