Guests arrived at the gala dressed in traditional Malay attire, and took their seats in the impressive Grand Ballroom of the hotel. Among the familiar faces in the crowd were Winnie K, Riz Amin, Lisdawati and Dee.

The evening began with an opening note by hosts Fahrin Ahmad and Shah Shamshiri, who are also members of the Red Ribbon Celebrity Supporters for the Malaysian AIDS Foundation. This was followed by a speech from Tuan Haji Yazlan bin Dato’ Yahya, the Chairman of the fundraiser, who told the crowd:

"Malam Amal Tahajjud Cinta is the exclusive Malaysian AIDS Council (MAC) Malam Amal Tahajjud Cinta charity dinner was an evening of generosity and glamour at the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur. With a theme based on the spiritual and inspirational music of the star of the night Dato’ Siti Nurhaliza, the event marked the opening of the MAC’s social calendar for 2013. The evening’s proceeds were donated to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation and Yayasan Baiturrahim Malaysia, to fund their treatment, care and support programme for people living with HIV.

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the perfect platform for local corporate citizens to improve their understanding of the struggles and needs of people living with HIV.

The audience was then addressed by Dato' Wan Mohamad bin Dato' Sheikh Abd Aziz, the Chairman of Yayasan Ihitimam Malaysia, Professor Dr Adeeba Kamarulzaman, the Chairman of Yayasan AIDS Malaysia, and finally Aminudin bin Huteron, the Managing Director of FAREEDA, who was also the evening's sponsor.

While waiting for their four-course dinner to arrive, guests watched a video presentation by Yayasan Ihitimam Malaysia. They were then entertained by Bob Yusof of Akademi Fantasia fame, as well as an instrumental performance by Malaysia's neo-ethnic duo Mohram. During dinner, the guests also enjoyed a fashion showcase featuring FAREEDA's latest collection of chic and colourful headscarves. The excitement built up during two rounds of auctions, featuring headscarves that were designed and owned by Dato' Siti Nurhaliza. The bids came in continuously for a
The plight of people living with HIV is a cause that is always dear to my heart. My involvement in the Malaysian ATDS Council’s Red Ribbon Celebrity Programme since 2009 has opened my eyes to the realities of HIV/AIDS. This is a gift from my heart,” said Dato’ Siti of her dedication to the cause.

The evening ended on an enriching note, with guests bringing home a unique experience, lasting memories and the positive message manifested throughout the gala.

The Grand Ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur provides an impressive atmosphere for the gala (top). Above: Dato’ Siti commands the audience’s attention, performing songs from her Tahajjud Cinta album, and later signing a portrait of herself that is auctioned for RM2,600 (right). Below: Tuan Haji Yazlan Yahya, Chairman of Malam Amal Tahajjud Cinta, presents a bouquet of appreciation to Mawar Kareem, spokesperson for FAREEDA, the sponsor of the dinner.

Undoubtedly, the crowd-puller of the evening was when Dato’ Siti took to the stage to perform songs from her Tahajjud Cinta album, including ‘Ayat-ayat Cinta’, ‘Nirmala’ and ‘Ketika Cinta’. The songstress’ powerful voice was accompanied by Mohram, with musical arrangements by Aubrey Suwito.