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OPEN HOUSE CONCEPT A UNIQUE WAY OF FORGING UNITY

MELAKA, Dec 29 (Bernama) -- The national open house concept is a unique way of forging unity among Malaysians of various communities, said Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

He said the concept showed the world that Malaysians had been living together in peace and harmony apart from showing respect for each other's culture and religion.

"This is unique for Malaysia and cannot be found in other countries. The caring for each other is shown by being together to celebrate the occasion," he said after attending the national-level Christmas Open House at the Hang Tuah Mall here last night.

The event was opened by Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalulail.

Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abd Rashid, Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad and Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali were among those present.

Abdul Kadir said the open house concept would be continued next year with Petaling Jaya hosting the national-level Chinese New Year Open House on Feb 8.

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