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CHRISTMAS: NATIONAL OPEN HOUSE FOR 200,000 GUESTS

MELAKA, Dec 27 (Bernama) -- The organisers of the national open house at the Hang Tuah Mall here tomorrow in conjunction with Christmas have prepared enough food for 200,000 guests, said Chief Minister Datuk Seri Mohd Ali Rustam today.

He said all are invited to the the open house which would start at 6pm.

"There is enough food for everyone. We have also installed six giant TV screens along the 1.5km stretch of the mall," he told reporters here.

He said the giant TV screens would enable guests seated away from the main stage to follow various performances that took place.

The open house is jointly organised by the state government and the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism.

Mohd Ali said the open house would be held until midnight to give ample time to those from afar to join the celebrations.

Yang diPertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abd Rashid would grace the occasion with their presence.

Also present will be the Yang Dipertua Negeri Melaka Tun Syed Ahmad Shahabudin and Toh Puan Marfuza Sheikh Osman

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Datin Seri Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali and Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir will also be present.

In addition to cultural performances, the quests will also be entertained by Senario and Francisca Peter as well as fireworks display.

Some 150,000 people including tourists are expected to attend the open house.

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