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Open house-Aidilfitri

ROYAL COUPLE TO ATTEND MALAYSIAN OPEN HOUSE IN JITRA

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec 13 (Bernama) -- Yang di-Pertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail and the Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah Tengku Abdul Rashid are scheduled to attend the Malaysian Open House in conjunction with Hari Raya Aidilfitri in Jitra, Kedah this Dec 21.

Other royalties who will be present include the Sultan and Sultanah of Kedah.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as well as Thai Prime Minister and cabinet ministers from both countries are also expected to attend the open house.

In a statement issued today by the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Tourism, the celebration which will be held at the Taman Tasik Bandar Darulaman will begin from 6pm onwards and would feature the uniqueness of Hari Raya Aidilfitri celebrations by the Muslim community in Malaysia.

It said the national open house would also increase tolerance among the various religions, instill unity and understanding among the society as well as foster closer ties between leaders and the people.

The open house themed "Malaysia Negara Pelancongan: Berfestival, Berkarnival dan Ceria Sepanjang Masa" (Malaysia A Tourism Country: Festivals, Carnivals and Brightness Throughout) is expected to be attended by some 100,000 people comprising foreigners and locals.

It will also be enlivened with fireworks displays, cultural performances as well as performances by local as well as Thai artistes.

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