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Chinese New Year national open house on Feb 8

SHAH ALAM, Fri. - The 2003 Chinese New Year national open house will be held on Feb 8 at Dataran Petaling Jaya, Jalan Timur, Petaling Jaya, and about 200,000 people are expected to attend.

State Tourism Executive Committee chairman Datuk Lum Weng Keong said the event would start at 6pm and last up to midnight.

The event will be graced by the Yang diPertuan Agong Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin and Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Fauziah and Sultan of Selangor Sultan Sharafuddin Idris Shah.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Selangor Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Dr Mohd Khir Toyo and Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Paduka Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir are also expected to attend.

Lum said everyone is invited to the open house.

"They are in for a night of celebrations as there will be a spectacular eight-minute fireworks display and lion dances. We will also be bringing a famous Hong Kong singer, Tamil and Malay singers to entertain the various races."

Organised by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry and the State Government, the open house is to foster closer ties among the races and promote tourism.

Shuttle bus service will be provided to take guests from nearby car parks to the field. The services of Putra LRT will also be extended until 3am.