

Three sports events deferred as mark of respect for Chong Eu
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GEORGE TOWN – The Penang Youth and Sports, Women, Family and Community Development Committee has postponed three programmes scheduled for Saturday and Sunday as a mark of respect for the late Dr Lim Chong Eu.

A Penang Sports Council statement said the TYT Trophy Shooting Competition 2010 scheduled for Saturday at the Penang Rifle Club had been postponed to Dec 16.

Penang Beach Carnival at the Golden Sands Resort in Batu Ferringhi and the Penang Line Dance Carnival at the Juru Autocity have been deferred to Dec 18, it said.

Enquiries could be addressed to the council at 04-657 3715, it added.

muhyiddin-yassin Deputy Prime Minister Muhyiddin Yassin (pic) was among the latest dignitary to pay his last respects to Lim.

Muhyiddin described the death of the former chief minister of Penang as a huge loss not only to the state but also to the country.

Speaking to reporters at the Dewan Sri Pinang where the remains of Dr Lim will lie in state until the funeral tomorrow, Muhyiddin paid tribute to Lim as a statesman and the father of modern Penang who had brought much industrialisation to the state.

"In politics, we know that the late Dr Lim was a founder of the Barisan Nasional coalition and that his views had always been sought on forging greater inter-racial cooperation.

"The Gerakan party is reflective of the significance accorded to unity which the late Dr Lim championed," he said in a Bernama report.

Muhyiddin said he had known Dr Lim when the latter was the chief minister of Penang and when he himself was the menteri besar of Johor.

Muhyiddin, who was accompanied by Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Dr Koh Tsu Koon, Chief Secretary to the Government Mohd Sidek Hassan and several Penang Umno leaders, arrived at about 9.30 am and spent about an hour with Dr Lim's two sons, Chien Aun and Chien Cheng.

Lim died on Wednesday at the age of 91 following a stroke he had suffered almost a month earlier.

He leaves a wife, Goh Sing Yeng, sons Chien Aun and Chien Cheng and two daughters, Pao Lin and Pao Yen.

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