

# Plans for Jawi Peranakan museum

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GEORGE TOWN: The Culture, Arts and Heritage Ministry has been allocated RM2.4 million to buy a 100-year-old bungalow in Lebu Hutton here.

Its minister, Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim, said the plan was to turn the building, which had heritage features, into a Jawi Peranakan museum.

Rais said the ministry and the Persatuan Melayu Pulau Pinang (Pemenang) were now negotiating with the trustee of the property, Amanah Raya Berhad, on its price.

"The discussions started two months ago and have reached the final stage," he said at Pemenang's 80th anniversary celebrations in Jalan Pemenang last night.

The text of his speech was read by his deputy, Datuk Wong Kam Hoong.

Present at the event were Pemenang president Datuk Seri Mohd Yusoff Latif, Pulau Tikus assemblyman Datuk Dr Teng Hock Nan and Pulau Betong assemblyman Muhd Farid Saad.

Wong later said renovation work would start as soon as the building was acquired.

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Culture, Arts and Heritage  
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"We hope it can be opened this year to commemorate the country's 50th year of independence," he said, adding that the renovation and procurement of displays for the museum could cost RM1 million.

It is expected to showcase the contributions of the Jawi Peranakan, or people of Aceh, Malays and Indians of mixed-parentage, who had contributed greatly to the growth of Penang before independence.

The bungalow was originally owned by wealthy jeweller Abdul Wahab a century ago. He sold it to prominent businessman Tan Chong Keat who died in 1924.

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