

Over 21,000 People Join Muhyiddin At Malaysia Christmas Open House
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KAJANG, Dec 26 (Bernama) -- More than 20,000 people of all races joined Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin at a joyous Malaysia Christmas Open House held at the Sekolah Menengah Kebangsaan Tinggi Kajang field, here, Monday.

Accompanied by his wife Puan Sri Norainee Abdul Rahman, Muhyiddin arrived at the venue at about 3.30pm.

Also present at the celebration which began at 10am, were Information, Communications and Culture Minister Datuk Seri Dr Rais Yatim and wife Datin Seri Masnah Rais, and his deputies, Datuk Seri Maglin Dennis D'Cruz and Datuk Joseph Salang.

Earlier, Muhyiddin and other leaders visited the home of Peter Ng Ah Kaw, one of the recipients of the house restoration aid under the Special Affairs Department (JASA).

Ng, 70, received RM1,000 in cash, basic necessities and a 1Malaysia plaque. Also among the recipients were Voral Vengadasamy, 80, and Na An Tai, 46.

Ng told reporters that he and his family were really delighted with Muhyiddin's visit to their home.

"(I'm) very happy. Today, I feel like a VIP, didn't expect many to come to my house. The deputy prime minister is caring and humble," he said, smiling broadly.

Muhyiddin and Rais then got into a taxi driven by T.Sidambram to go to the Christmas open house, accompanied by five other taxis.

The deputy prime minister's arrival was welcomed by kompang beats and the crowd took the opportunity to "salam" or shake hands with Muhyiddin and the other leaders present.

The highlight of the celebration was seeing Muhyiddin and his wife decorating a 25ft-high Christmas tree.

Themed '1Malaysia Harmony', the celebration organised by the Information, Communications and Culture Ministry, also had cultural performances while the crowd was served with a spread that included satay, nasi beriani, macaroni and rendang.

The celebration was also given a people-oriented touch with the presentation of 1Malaysia Netbooks to 30 excellent students from around the Kajang area.

Besides that, 200 households received foodstuff through the Kembara Jalinan Kasih programme organised by the Information Department.

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