

**Cultural Tradition A Reflection Of Sarawak Bumiputera's Origins: Taib  
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MUKAH, April 21 (Bernama) -- The government is serious in preserving the state's cultural heritage as it reflects the identity and origins of the Sarawak bumiputera, Chief Minister Tan Sri Abdul Taib Mahmud said Saturday.

Speaking when opening the Pesta Kaul here, Taib said the people of Sarawak were very fortunate because the state had a diverse ethnic community, each with their own culture and tradition.

"Through the various festivals such as the Pesta Kaul, the Melanau cultural heritage can be preserved," he said at the opening of Pesta Kaul, a traditional festival celebrated by the Melanau community, here.

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