

**Ethnic Groups Free To Practise Own Religion, Culture In Kelantan, Says Nik Aziz  
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KOTA BAHARU, March 9 (Bernama) -- All ethnic groups in Kelantan are free to practise their own religion and culture, said Menteri Besar Datuk Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat.

Therefore, he said the state government had declared the area around Jalan Kebun Sultan as China Town as the Chinese community had been doing business there for generations besides the presence of several landmarks.

The Chinese community had existed in Kelantan since the 17th century with the majority of them living along Sungai Kelantan, especially in the Pulai area of Gua Musang, he said.

"It is no wonder that the Chinese and Malays here can live in harmony, and they are even known as 'Cina Kelantan' or 'Cina Kampung' and practise a lifestyle characterised by Malay culture," he said when officiating the launch of Jalan Kebun Sultan here as China Town last night.

At the event, Nik Abdul Aziz also performed the 'tepung tawar' on two of 23 lions in a lion dance troupe which represented 23 years of Pas rule in Kelantan.

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