

**Najib pledges Barisan's best if it captures Penang**  
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GEORGE TOWN: Barisan Nasional has pledged to give its best to Penang if it captures the state from Pakatan Rakyat in the general election.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak promised Penangites that the best was yet to come.

"I want you to feel that we are here for you. We want to make Penang the Pearl of the Orient as one of our prides for all Malaysians," he said in his speech at the Penang Barisan Nasional Chinese New Year open house at Han Chiang High School field here yesterday.

Over 80,000 people attended the event, which featured South Korean K-pop sensation Park Jae-sang, better known as Psy.

Najib said he wanted to celebrate Chinese New Year with Penangites so that he could listen to their concerns and needs.

"I am listening to the people of Penang who want more affordable housing.

"I commit that we will deliver 20,000 units of affordable houses in the next five years.

"I also commit towards solving traffic woes here by implementing a monorail system.

"I also commit to build a road dispersal system in Penang as well as improve the public transportation system."

Najib stressed that the people could rely on the Barisan Government because when it made promises, it delivered them.

He said the Barisan Government cared for and was fair to all Malaysians in the true spirit of 1Malaysia.

He also said that the government would consider Han Chiang College's application to be upgraded to university college status.

"We are going to consider upgrading Han Chiang to a university college for mass communications," he said.

Najib later joined Penang Barisan leaders in tossing *yee sang* for good luck and prosperity.

Also present were Tourism Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen, who is Penang MCA chairman, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Nor Mohamed Yakcop, Penang Barisan Nasional chief Teng Chang Yeow, Penang Umno chief Datuk Zainal Abidin Osman, Gerakan president Tan Sri Dr Koh Tsu Koon and PPP president Datuk Seri M. Kayveas.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng did not attend the event as he had to welcome Raja Permaisuri Agong Tuanku Hajah Haminah at the Penang International Airport at 11am.

Earlier, Najib also graced the Chinese New Year Open House hosted by the Penang Chinese Town Hall in Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling.

He mingled with the people and then proceeded to the Goddess of Mercy temple where he witnessed Teng handing over a mock cheque for RM100,000 to the temple committee.

He then walked back to the town hall together with other dignitaries, including Yang di-Pertua Negeri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas, former prime minister Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng and his wife Betty Chew.

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