

NAJIB SHY TO SHOW HIS FACE? Anwar to attend Dong Zong open house today
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KUALA LUMPUR – The by-election atmosphere in Kajang has been heated up, with PKR adviser Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim and MCA president Datuk Seri Liow Tiong Lai expected to attend the Chinese New Year open house organised by the United Chinese School Committees Association of Malaysia (Dong Zong) at Dong Jiao Zong Higher Learning Centre in Kajang this Sunday.

It is understood that Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Razak, who was also invited, is unable to attend the open house. However, Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Tan Sri Joseph Kurup will be attending the event on his behalf.

Guests confirmed to attend the open house also include MCA vice-president Dr. Hou Kok Chung, DAP deputy chairman Tan Kok Wai, DAP vice-president Teresa Kok and DAP Kepong MP Dr Tan Seng Giaw.

The open house will be held on Sunday (Feb 9) at Dong Jiao Zong Higher Learning Centre in Kajang, from 10.30am to 2pm.

Dong Zong president Dr Yap Sin Tian told *Sin Chew Daily* that Dong Zong has wrote to the BN and Anwar, who is also Kajang seat candidate for Pakatan Rakyat, hoping that they can bring good news to the Chinese community, and pay more attention to Chinese education issues.

When being asked whether Dong Zong is worried that the CNY celebration event will be turned into a political arena, Yap said that they could not rule out the possibility but politicians should do it wisely and appropriately or it could bring negative effects.

Yap said that they expected "gifts" from the Prime Minister last year when he attended the open house but the result was disappointing.

He said that Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, DAP parliamentary leader Lim Kit Siang and DAP secretary-general Lim Guan Eng have also been invited to the event but it is not confirmed yet whether they will attend.

Meanwhile, MCA deputy president and Kajang By-Election (Central) Committee Chairman Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong has confirmed that he is unable to attend the event.

Dong Zong president Dr Yap Sin Tian hopes for good news from the BN or Datuk Seri Anwar Ibrahim.

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