

Penang to hold Christmas open house on Sunday

THE real meaning of Christmas will be shown this year as the state government, Christian Federation of Malaysia and several other Christian organisations jointly organise the Penang Christmas Open House Celebration 2009.

Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng's

political secretary Ng Wei Aik said the event would be held at the Penang Times Square on Sunday from 6.15pm to 10.30pm.

Held for the third time after 2006 and 2007, the Christmas celebration themed 'Joy To The World', is being held to instill a better understanding of Chris-

tianity and to foster goodwill among the communities.

Ng, who is also Komtar assemblyman, said the event would be officiated by Yang di-Pertua Negri Tun Abdul Rahman Abbas and attended by Lim together with other state leaders.

"The open house will be very

much a typical Malaysian open house event with people from various communities coming together to enjoy a sumptuous spread.

"The true elements of Christmas such as carols, choirs and music from the diverse Christian communities as well as a picturesque

depiction of people in Christmas apparel will be incorporated into the event," he told a press conference at Komtar yesterday.

He added that in the spirit of Christmas, the Penang Churches would also present five cheques amounting to RM10,000 to five charitable organisations.