



**Nearing completion:** Yeoh (foreground right) supervising craftsman Pang Teng Chen while crafting the bull in Penang yesterday, as Leong (right) and organising secretary Vincent Lim look on. Picture at right is an artist's impression of what the bull will look like when it is completed.

## Intricate work on Penang bull mascot

**BUKIT MERTAJAM:** Workers are rushing against time to complete a giant sculpture of *Wang Niu* (Prosperous Bull), the mascot for Penang's Chinese New Year Cultural & Heritage Celebration 2009.

The imposing polystyrene sculpture will take centrestage at the Khoo Kongsi for the Feb 1 event organised by the state government, the Penang Chinese Clan Council and the Clan Associations Youth Committee.

*Wang Niu* is being sculpted by signage company Skill Corner (M) Sdn Bhd, whose executive director Yeoh Chin Teik came up with the design.

"Six workers are rushing to finish the sculpture by Jan 30," Yeoh said when met at his factory in Bukit Tengah here yesterday.

He said the painting is expected to take three days.

Work on the sculpture, costing RM18,000, started about two weeks ago.

Although it weighs only about 1kg, it will require at least three people to move it because of its size. It is 2.1m high and 4.2m long.

Organising chairman Leong Ho Fei said Yeoh's company was picked from among several companies for the design on *Wang Niu* because of the intricate details and originality.

"We expect more than 80,000 people from all over the country to throng the heritage precinct of George Town on that day," he added.

The 12-hour event, which will start at noon, will take place around Armenian Street, Ah Quee Street, Acheh Street, Cannon Street, Chulia Street, Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, Soo Hong Lane and Kampung Kolam.

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