

Johor MB announces RM300,000 for Tiong-Hua museum

JOHOR BARU: Johor Mentri Besar Datuk Abdul Ghani Othman gave the Chinese community a wonderful gift for the first day of the Lunar New Year when he announced a RM300,000 allocation for a museum renovation project.

In his Chinese New Year message to hundreds of people gathered at the Tiong-Hua Association here, Abdul Ghani promised to allocate the funds for the renovation of the Johor Baru Tiong-Hua Historical and Heritage Museum located along Jalan Ibrahim.

"This is a chance to appreciate our joint heritage and history.

"We have had a shared history since the Malacca sultanate," he said to the applause of the crowd.

The museum is a joint project between the Tiong-Hua Association and the five clans in the state to preserve the facts, records and artefacts connected with the migration of their forefathers to the city hundreds of years ago.

Abdul Ghani also promised to give his support and backing to the proposal to turn Southern College in Skudai here into a university-college.

"The academicians of the college should get together and draw up a plan to offer degree programmes besides the diplomas and certificate courses already offered here.

"I will give my backing for the application to the Higher Education Ministry," he said to an appreciative audience.

Abdul Ghani then joined state government officials and guests to toss yee sang. He also participated in painting a Chinese New Year calligraphy message to symbolise a prosperous and happy year ahead.