

## More colours for UMS Ang Pow Fest

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**Kota Kinabalu:** Students from Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) will paint the Chinese New Year in the 'Colours of Spring' during their annual Ang Pow Festival 2004 at the Likas Community Hall on Jan 16.

Festival director Chin Wai Hon said they wished to add new colours for this year's festival, which will be held for the first time outside the usual venue at the Yayasan Sabah auditorium. It will also be open to the public for the first time.

"We are trying to make it a bit different from the previous festivals. We'll put up a few performances by UMS students and from surrounding schools," he said after the launch of the festival promotion at the university's campus, Tuesday.

Among the performances include a lion dance, 24 seasonal drums, a Chinese orchestra, a drama and an acrobatics show.

Chin said the objective of the festival was to create a more homely atmosphere, especially for outstation students.

"Many of the students here are from Peninsular Malaysia and we also have a few students from China this year, so we want them to feel at home, while providing an avenue where everyone can enjoy," he said.

The festival, which is into its sixth year, will be funded through ticket sales, apart from contributions, including a RM5,000 donation from Senator Datuk Agnes Shim and the Sabah Progressive Party which contributed in kind.

Deputy Education Minister Datuk Hon Choon Kim is expected to officiate at the event, to which organisers are expecting a crowd of some 3,000.

The festival will be held between 6pm and 11pm and tickets are now on sale for students at the university's various residential complexes at RM6 per student. Tickets for the public will be sold at the entrance on the evening itself at RM15 per person, while children aged seven and below may enter free of charge.

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