

Fiesta hits a high note

GEORGE TOWN — It was everything Eurasian at the Eurasian Fiesta 2015 held recently at **Penang Times Square's Chin Ho Plaza** in Jalan Datuk Keramat.

The fourth edition of the fiesta was held in a blaze of Christmas carols performed by the Mount Miriam Cancer Hospital choir.

Aptly themed "Christmas with the Eurasians", the event saw Eurasians around the world gather for this annual affair to meet old friends and forge new relationships.

Thousands who turned up for the celebration proved the organiser, Penang enduring singing duo of James Rozells and his partner Kathleen Rodrigues was correct to move the fiesta from July to December.

Rozells said while Christmas was a religious festival, it is also a time of fun and festivity to bring the community closer.

Recalling the year the fiesta began in 2012, Rodrigues said she was privileged to share the passion for the Eurasian

story.

"Christmas is a time for family and friends to enjoy sumptuous Eurasian meals, colourful lights and presents.

"We Eurasians always love a good party, thus let us all celebrate this event as we enjoy all its pomp and festivity," she said.

As performers came on stage to entertain the crowd, visitors thronged the 30 food stalls offering Eurasian delicacies.

There were also stalls which sold jewellery, handbags and books on Eurasian history and heritage.

Other events including The Poke and Probe, a free Christmas party for senior citizens and children and a Christmas nativity play were also held at the Royale Bintang Hotel and College General in Tanjung Bungah.

The Poke and Probe forum was hosted by Vernon Adrian Emuang with guest panelists musician Rachel Guerzo, writer and entrepreneur Joshua Levi Rasen,

author Eustace Nonis and heritage activist Rebecca Duckett-Williamson sharing their thoughts on what constituted Eurasian.



The Fernandez family selling a wide variety of homemade pastries at the fiesta.