

'Let the festivities continue'



Guests having a whale of a time during the Irish St Patrick's Ball. — Picture by R.Mahgeshan

THE Eastern and Oriental Hotel aims to be a multicultural hub in Penang by hosting events for the various communities in the state.

E&O Berhad hospitality and lifestyle division director Micheal Saxon said: "E&O wants to be the focal point, the melting pot for all cultural festivities and get-togethers.

"I wish to extend an open invitation to Penangites to hold their cultural events here."

Saxon made the statement during the Irish St Patrick's Ball organised by the Penang Irish Association at the hotel recently.

Also present at the ball were the association's president Maggie Territ, Irish ambassador to Malaysia Eamon Hickey and Selangor St Patrick's Society president Des Morgan.

Saxon said he was proud to host the Irish festival for seventh consecutive years, adding "the event gets bigger each year".

A colonial heritage icon in George Town, the hotel has also been the venue for the German community in Penang to organise the annual German Ball.

"We want to welcome more such traditional festivities like Japanese and Korean events," said Saxon, adding the rich cultural diversities is one of the state's major attractions.

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