

# Biggest lion head roars to life

Craftwork weighing 500kg greets visitors to country club



**SEREMBAN:** A brightly-coloured 500kg "lion head" – crafted out of bamboo, paper mache and glass – sits regally at the entrance of the d'Tempat Country Club.

The head, touted to be among the biggest ever built in the country, took two months and nine craftsmen to complete. It costs RM250,000.

Matrix Concepts Holdings Bhd (MCHB) managing director and club owner Datuk Lee Tian Hock said the head, which was 2.43m high and 2.74m wide, was endorsed as the biggest by the Dragon and Lion Dance Federation of Malaysia.

"We decided to place the head at the entrance to welcome the Year of the Rooster.



**Auspicious start:** (from second left) Mat Ali, Lee and Mohamad touching the head of the lion to bring it to 'life' at the entrance of the d'Tempat Country Club in Seremban. Looking on are two other guests.

"It also signifies prosperity.

"By placing it there, residents in Bandar Seri Sendayan and visitors to the place will also know what lion dance is all about and its significance during the Chinese New Year," Lee said at the unveiling of the head.

Present at the event were state secretary Datuk Mat Ali Hassan and MCHB chairman Datuk Mohamad Haslah.

Lee said the club would host several activities in the coming weekends until Chap Goh Mei.

These include traditional Chinese

calligraphy, Chinese fan painting, clay art demonstration, *tanglung* decoration and the art of making a Chinese knot.

There will also be a special lion dance performance consisting of 18 lions and an 18-drum performance from 2pm to 6pm on Feb 11.