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SIBU: Sarawak Chinese
Cultural Association and the
Department of Anthropology
and Sociology of Universiti
Malaysia Sarawak, Unimas will
co-host a forum on the customs
and cultures of the Chinese
in Malaysia focussing on the
community in both East and
West Malaysia, on March 26
at the SCCA premises at Salim
Road here.

The association's executive secretary Chua Chen Choon told reporters this yesterday, saying they hoped to give a platform for

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Unimas students specialising in the subject to exchange views on their studies.

"We hope this will stir interest among local students on the social study to promote harmony in Malaysia."

He said more than 10 students would take part in the forum, adding some of them would present their studies.

"The topics include those of social development, the culture of lion dance, temple organisations and their practices, funeral ceremonies, ancestral worship, Chinese medicine and the taboos of the Chinese community."

Chua invites members of the public to take part.

"We have to limit participation to 50 people only. Those interested can register with our association."

Yesterday morning, about 30 people took part in a forum on the identities of the Hakka clan in South East Asia.

Participants were mostly members from the Hakka clan in Sibu.

Chua said the topic had been widely studied in the region, adding they had hosted a similar session with professionals from Taiwan.

"We hope that through cultural studies, a better understanding will be promoted," he said.