

THE STAR 16/3/12 M/S 12

# Running for the love of Penang

Thousands join 6km fun run to show their support for campaign



Participants posing for a photo at the event in George Town.



The crowd cheering during the 'I Love Penang Run' at Occupy Beach Street. — Photos: CHAN BOON KAI/The Star

THEY had only one thing in their mind when they joined thousands of others for the 6km fun run on a Sunday morning. To profess their love for Penang.

All the participants wore white T-shirts emblazoned with the

words 'I Love Penang Run'.

The event was recently flagged off by Chief Minister Lim Guan Eng at 7am in the George Town heritage enclave in Beach Street.

Stephanie Voon, 22, who is a regular participant at the Zumba

session at the Occupy Beach Street event every month, said she wanted to show her support for the state's campaign.

"It's really heartening to see so many people supporting the campaign and I am happy to be part

of it," said the shipping executive.

Retiree M. Batumalai, 60, said people had to show their support for the campaign because Penang belonged to the people of Penang.

"I have lived here all my life and Penangites should have the last say of what they want," said the former Registration Department employee.

Lim said the 'I Love Penang' campaign was a testimony of what the Penang folk wanted.



Runners pounding the streets of George Town.



Participants passing by the Queen Victoria Memorial Clock Tower.