



Visitors and media personnel on the deck of CNS Changchun at Penang Port's Deepwater Wharf in Bagan Luar.

Chinese warships visit Penang

700 crew members to take part in activities over three days

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THREE large Chinese navy vessels have berthed at Butterworth's Deepwater Wharf in Bagan Luar in Penang.

The vessels — CNS Changchun, CNS Jingzhou and CNS Chaochu — will be at the wharf for four days but they are not open to the public.

With about 700 crew members on board, the three ships arrived at about 10am yesterday. They are on a tour of about 20 ports around the world.

CNS Changchun, a Type 052C destroyer commissioned in 2013, carries 48 air defence missiles and multiple anti-ship and anti-submarine missiles.

It has a range of guns firing 100mm and 30mm calibre rounds with firing rates of 90 rounds and 5,800 rounds per minute respectively.

CNS Jingzhou is a Type 054A frigate while CNS Chaochu is a Type 903 replenishment ship.

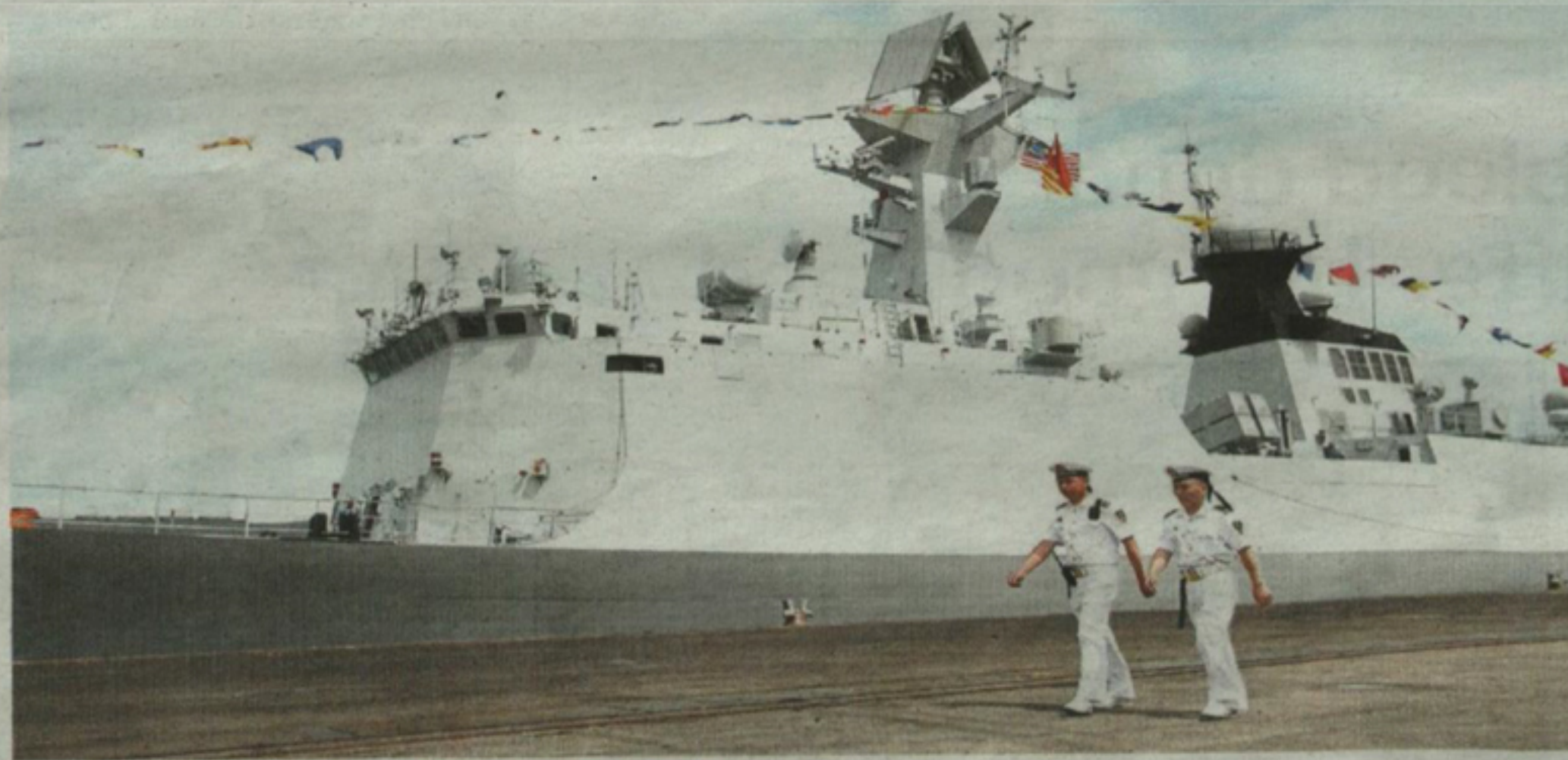
Built in China, they can operate hand in hand to support each other in battle.

The crew members are here for a series of activities including learning about the local culture during their three-day stay.

They will leave at 10am on Monday.

Present to welcome the arrival of the three ships were Penang Port Commission chairman Datuk Tan Teik Cheng, the People's Republic of China consul-general to Penang Wu Jun and Deputy Chief Minister I Datuk Mohd Rashid Hasnon.

About 70 students from SMJK Chung Ling Butterworth were given the rare opportunity to tour the ships as special guests.



(Top) Two crew members walking past CNS Jingzhou. (Left) Commander-in-chief of the PLA Navy Task Group 150 Rear Admiral Shen Hao greeting the SMJK Chung Ling Butterworth students on board CNS Changchun. With them are Chinese embassy minister counsellor Ma Jia (brown dress) and Wu Jun (red tie).