

Dragon dance at Little Italy



THE Little Italy, an Italian Restaurant located in front of the Wisma Merdeka Shopping Complex in Kota Kinabalu played host to a group of prancing lions recently.

The lion Dance troupe danced in front of the restaurant attracting a crowd who was wowed with their acrobatic performances.

The lion dance is performed during

festive celebrations such as the Chinese New Year. The lion is traditionally regarded as a guardian creature. It is featured in various folklore as a guardian, one being cited in the Mount Kinabalu legend.

There are different variations of the lion dance in other Asian cultures including mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Sydney, and Singapore, with each region possessing their own styles.

Beverly bridal fashion parade

THE Beverly Hotel will be holding a bridal fair on Feb 15 starting from 1pm. The bridal fair held in conjunction with the hotel launch of their wedding package will be show casing bridal dresses and suits from several bridal shops.

Wedding accessories including dais and decorations will also be displayed for guests to view. The general public especially those who want to hold their wedding this year is invited to come and view the offerings. According to Zahara Ismail Sales Director light refreshment will be prepared for guests on that day.

"Those who confirm their booking for the hotel wedding package will a stand a chance to win two return air tickets to a selection of flights to major cities in Australia, Japan, China and Indonesia," she says adding that their wedding package is very attractive as it include room stay for three nights among others.

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Timothy Wright, general manager of Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort, Kota Kinabalu, said, "We are indeed delighted that our services and employees have been recognised by the travellers who took time out to share their