

DO YOU KNOW

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Lotud



THE LOTUD is one of the indigenous ethnic groups under the Kadazandusun umbrella. They live in Tuaran and Tamparuli district.

They used to be paddy planters in the past and depended on the land for their sustenance. Their costumes are quite unique, with the women sporting dyed rattan strips on their waists while the men wear colourful headgears called sigars. They elderly still use their costumes when they go to town, but these costumes can mostly be seen during the State Level Harvest Festival, weddings and visits of State dignitaries to their district.

The Lotud dance is called the *sumayau*. It is a dance that can only be appreciated by those who love the aesthetics. This is because it is slow and leisurely. The monotony can be yawn-inspiring. However, on closer look, the dance is extremely beautiful. The dancers are like flowers swaying in the wind, their hands, heads and feet doing tribute an inner rhythm that only they can hear. It must be mentioned that they sway from side to side instead of up and down like other *sumazaus*.

In the past Lotuds are animists but now most of them are monotheists, although a *tantagas* (priestess) or two can still be found among them.

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Beringgis Beach Resort, Papar
Phone: 6 088 752 999
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DECEMBER EVENTS

BALIK KAMPUNG SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Date : 08 November - 31 December 2006
Organiser : Sabah Museum
Venue : Sabah Museum, Sabah
Contact Person : Mr. Dius Kubud
Telephone : 088 253199
Fax : 088 240230
Email Contact : Muzium.Sabah@sabah.gov.my

GRAPHIC ART EXHIBITION

Date : 07 December - 01 January 2007
Organiser : Sabah Art Gallery
Venue : Sabah Art Gallery, Sabah
Contact Person : Datuk Yaman Mus
Telephone : 088 268875
Fax : 088 210040
Email Contact : gallery_9@msn.com

PESTA KENINGAU

Date : 09 - 10 December 2006
Organiser : District Office of Keningau
Contact Person : Tuan Hj. Zulkifli Nasir (District Officer) / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd
Telephone : +6087-331519 / 301509 / 301507 / +6088-232121
Fax : +6088-265540

GAYA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION 2006

Date : 18 - 22 December 2006
Organiser : Kota Kinabalu City Council
Venue : Lintasan Deasoka, Gaya Street

Contact Person : Neil Mah (Organising Chairman)
Telephone : 6088-427900 / 6013 879 8415
Email Contact : gxc@eventmalaysia.net
Event Website : http://www.eventmalaysia.net/gxc

DRUNK BEFORE DAWN - THE MUSICAL

Date : 21 December 2006
Organiser : Borneo Revival Sdn. Bhd.
Telephone : 60 88-264462 / 6014 670 0635
Event Website : http://www.d-gap.org/dbd/
Matinee shows are at 2:00 pm (tickets priced at RM100, RM50 and RM30) and evening shows are at 7:30 pm (tickets priced at RM200, RM100 and RM50).

CHRISTMAS AND YEAR-END FESTIVITIES

Date : 22 - 31 December 2006
Organiser : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu
Venue : Hyatt Regency Kinabalu, KK
Contact Person : Food & Beverage Dept
Telephone : 088 221234
Fax : 088 254315
Email Contact : hyatt.kinabalu@hyattintl.com

CHRISTMAS DAY

Date : 25 December 2006
Organiser : Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd
Telephone : 088 212121 / 232121

Fax : 088 212075 / 265540
Email Contact : info@sabahtourism.com

HARI RAYA AIDIL ADHA

Date : 31 December 2006
Muslims around the world once again celebrate this day in the Islamic calendar. This is a special and rare occasion where the Aidil Adha is celebrated twice within the same year. Muslims go for their Hajj Pilgrimage prior to the day of celebration.
Email Contact : info@sabahtourism.com

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT DIP

Date : 31 December - 01 January 2007
Organiser : Sabah Tourism Board / Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn. Bhd.
Telephone : +60 88 212121 / 232121
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Email Contact : info@sabahtourism.com
Event Website : http://www.sabahtourism.com

@ GOING RETRO PARTY

Date : 31 December 2006
Organiser : @mosphere Revolving Restaurant & Lounge
Venue : 18th floor of Menara Tun Mustapha, Kota Kinabalu
Telephone : +6088- 425 100 / 249 276
Free valet parking for the night. Tickets sold at RM288 per person (inclusive of dinner) and RM35 for entry after 10pm.

Weekly TAMU (Open Market) in Sabah

■ Tamus are held in almost every town/district in Sabah. Most local traders gather to buy, sell or barter their farm produce, handicrafts, traditional ware, musical instruments, etc.

SUNDAY 6am - 2pm

Kota Belud, Tuaran, Putatan, Papar, Babagan, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

MONDAY 6am - 2pm

Tandek

TUESDAY 6am - 2pm

Kiulu

WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm

Pinggán-pinggán, Tamparuli & Kudat

THURSDAY 6am - 2pm

Donggongon, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm

Donggongon, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapal, Kanibangan

SATURDAY 6am - 2pm

Kinarut, Beaufort, Sindumin, Matunggong, Pekan Pitas

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