



Harvest Festival celebration grand finale

Promenade Tawau's fun pub

Hot on the heels of the recent exciting evening at Zsa Zsa Zsu Fun Pub where patrons got to enjoy catwalk by Internationally-renowned model and actress Amber Chia and songs by Stacy of Akademi Fantasia (AF) 6 fame plus a whole host of other performances like breakdance, bellydance and a solo performance by Vic Teo of Malaysian Idol 2004, comes another exciting event at Zsa Zsa Zsu Fun Pub at the Lower Ground Floor of Promenade Hotel Tawau!

This time, beer drinkers were given a chance to enjoy free beer AND win a prize at the nightly Yard Drinking Competition which kicked off last night! Only three competitors a night were shortlisted for the timed event which saw the winner gulped his yard of beer down in 22 seconds flat!

The hotel's Food and Beverage Manager, Johari Abdul Jalil, was quick to quip, "Wednesday is Ladies Night – so, we're going to give priority to ladies in the house to try their hand at the Yard Drinking Competition! They might even do better than the guys!"

Zsa Zsa Zsu Fun Pub is opened daily from 5pm onwards (except for Sundays). The pub is sprawled across the lower ground floor of Promenade Hotel Tawau. Ladies Night is every Wednesday – a perfect excuse for some midweek fun! Daily Happy Hours are from 5pm to 9pm with 50percent off on all house-pouring brands and beers.

With an inventory of 180 rooms and suites, this 16-floor hotel is the tallest hotel in town and adjacent to Eastern Plaza - the biggest shopping complex in Tawau. Strategically located less than 1.5 km to the bustling town centre, Promenade Hotel Tawau is within reach of Government Administrative Offices, Business, Shopping and Entertainment Centres.

Besides being the tallest hotel and having the largest ballroom in the state (with a maximum seating capacity of 1,300 persons), Promenade Hotel Tawau also houses the biggest and only comprehensive gymnasium at its Leisure Centre on the 5th Floor. It also has, a 24-hour coffeehouse Café@se7en on the 7th Floor, a Lobby Lounge with a Deli and Cigar Corner, a contemporary Zsa Zsa Zsu fun pub at the Lower Ground Floor with live band performances from the Philippines, a business centre, 3 meeting rooms namely Berlian, Seraya & Agatis and an exclusive Promenade Club Floor with an exclusive club lounge on the 15th Floor.

And for frequent hotel-goers or frequent visitors to Tawau, Promenade Hotel Tawau has its Promenade Platinum Tawau Membership (PPTM), which entails cardholders to accommodation and dining discounts at Promenade Hotel Tawau, Promenade Hotel Kota Kinabalu and Service Apartments & Condominiums in Kota Kinabalu – namely Promenade Hotel Apartments, Marina Court Resort Condominium and Colonnades Condominium.

This weekend, the Sabah State Level Harvest Festival Celebration will be held. It is the grandest affair for most Kadazandusun people in Sabah as it signifies the end of harvest.

In the olden days, the end of harvest determines how well the family will eat that year. If the harvest is plentiful and the rice hut is full, the family will rejoice and hope for a better harvest that following year.

If they did not have much of a harvest, they will pray for a better harvest the next time they till their land. Either way, they celebrate the harvest. The ones with more rice rejoice while those that did not do too well will carry out ceremonies to appease the spirits of the rice as they might have not been too reverent with them (spirits) the previous year.

The harvest festival was celebrated since ancient times by the people and is still being celebrated in the State, although in



a more sensational manner. The Harvest Festival begins on May 1 where a grand launching ceremony is carried out in a particular district.

This year it was at Papar. Be that as it may this celebration's major event is the Magavau, a ritual to appease the spir-

its and to request the essence of the paddy called the Bambaazon or Bambarayon, depending on what dialect you are speaking, to come home to the paddy hut.

This is a very interesting ceremony that is almost swallowed by time.

In the olden days, the Magavau was conducted at the paddy fields usually just outside the homes in those days, Nowadays, the ceremony is quite brief and is hardly ever seen, except for rural areas.

However, the excitement during the two days State level celebration is no less than those felt by the folks in the past.

And on may 30 and 31, the festival will be held at the Kadazandusun Cultural Association (KDCA) grounds at Penampang.

Guests will be able to see the people in their traditional dresses right in their traditional houses. A real treat to visitors. Enjoy.



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