

# DO YOU KNOW

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## WHERE TO STAY

**T**he Kedayan are an ethnic group residing in the Southern part of Sabah mostly Sipitang, Beaufort and Kuala Penyu.

Kedayan are mainly padi farmers or fishermen. They usually live together in clustered villages and are mostly Moslems.

Aduk-Aduk is a ceremonial dance performed by the Kedayan people during holidays, especially at the end of the harvest season.

They have been labelled a close society which prefers to stay within the confine of their community. However, through the Kedayan Cultural Association, they exhibited their culture, through their musical instruments and food, in booths sited at the GATA (Gasing and Tamu) Festival Sipitang in 2005. Buang Hj Bulat, a Kedayans who spoke for the association then says he is happy that his culture and tradition can be shown through such events.

However, such exhibition is only carried out once in two years and the promotion carried out during that time will lack continuity. That is, the visitors will soon forget that there is such and such food or musical instruments that originate from the Kedayans.

"There should be more of such festivals," he says, adding it can be held at a smaller scale.

He says such festivals can allow more exhibitions and therefore extensive exposure for their people. "We can go a step further, with assistance from the relevant authorities," he enthuses, adding that perhaps the Tourism Ministry can look into establishing a permanent centre for them to exhibit and sell their wares.

"In Sipitang we do not have this venue, except for the tamus and everyday market. Our market is not big during that time. And of course we do not have many tourists, except for those from Brunei and Sarawak."

"So if we have a proper, permanent centre, we can do better. We can group up with other ethnic group associations and exhibit our wares in one building. We can show our tourists our style of making cakes, our traditional costumes and our musical instruments. We can even showcase our cultural dances upon requests," he says.

This endeavour is not a light one and it will need the cooperation from travel and tour operators as well as operators of tourism products in Sipitang, he says.

"I believe however that it can be done with proper coordination from all those concerned," he says.

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# Kedayans

## 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

### 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.event-malaysia.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.  
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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, Babagon, Tambunan, Tenom, Membakut, Kota Marudu, Sikuati, Gaya Street Fair (Kota Kinabalu)

**MONDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Tandek

**TUESDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Kiulu

**WEDNESDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Pinggang-pinggang, Tamparuli & Kudat

**THURSDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Donggongan, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

**FRIDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Donggongan, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapol, Kanibangan

**SATURDAY 6am - 2pm**  
Kinarut, Beaufort, Sindumin, Matunggong, Pekan Pitas

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