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The necklaces, bracelets, rings and ear rings look so attractive and sparkly behind the counter. The crimson red stone seems to catch the light and reflects it back, creating an aura around it. The green strings of stones seem to compete, sending out an attractively green glow as the light shines on it. The blue ones seem not to surrender its lesser glow and send off those peaceful tones around it. There are also yellow and gold ones. Actually they are crystals strung into various styles and motives as necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings. This scene is at the Handicraft market formerly known as the UNCHR Market, in Kota Kinabalu. It is located at Sinsuron right in front of the Le Meridian Hotel.

Anyway, the creatively made handicrafts there are one of the main tourist attractions in the city. You can see tourists there at anytime of day when the centre open for business.

You may wonder who the artists behind the creations are...they are actually the young women who sits behind the counter, appealing to passers by to buy their wares. One of the young ladies who wished to be named only as Shidah says she has been stringing the trinkets since she was a child almost ten years ago. Now aged 22 she is one of the best and fastest worker among her colleagues of five.

According to her, she was not very adept at it in the beginning but she learnt fast, not only because it is required of her as an employee but because she simply loves seeing her creations come out after being mere sketches initially.

"Yes we sketch out the style first and then string the beads and pearls into the design patterns. Of course the beauty of it comes out after it is completed...and that is my reward," she shares.

Shidah says she also create patterns provided by

customers.

"They can give me the pattern and inform me on the colour. I will do it for them. I can make necklaces, bracelets, rings and earrings. It is not a problem."

On the price, she says, "It depends on the materials. Some crystals are pricier than others. Even the pearls are priced according to their grade. As you know some pearls can be as expensive as a few thousand ringgit while others are very much less," she says.

As for the length of time she needs to complete an order, she says that it can be anything from 15 minutes to a few hours.

"It depends on the intricacy of the patterns. But rest assured quality is my priority," she says.

Shidah is working for Janna Enterprise at Lot 83. She is assisted by four other girls, mainly named Nora, Weng, Doraishah and Rozia.

As for the VMY 2007, they all enthused that they are

- ### PLACES OF INTEREST IN SABAH
- 1 Kota Kinabalu City - the international gateway to Sabah
 - 1 Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park - Malaysia's premier marine park comprises of five islands - Gaya, Sapi, Manukan, Mamutik and Sulug
 - 1 Monsopiad Cultural Village - the house of skulls and legend of head hunter
 - 1 Kinabalu Park - Mt. Kinabalu World Heritage Site
 - 1 Poring Hot Springs - hot springs, rainforest canopy walk
 - 1 Sabah Tea - Visit to Sabah's only tea plantation of organic tea
 - 1 Klias Wetlands - mangrove wetlands, fire flies and proboscis monkeys
 - 1 Tiga Island - island where CBS series "Survivor" was filmed
 - 1 Padas Water Rafting - adventure river rafting
 - 1 Labuan Island - the international garden of Borneo
 - 1 Kota Belud Tamu - traditional Bajau natives sunday market
 - 1 Kudat Rungus Village - visit traditional runigus cultural long houses
 - 1 Tenom - the centre of Murut culture and Sabah Agricultural Park
 - 1 Batu Punggul - jungle trekking and hiking destination
 - 1 Crocker Range Park - Rafflesia research centre and jungle trekking
 - 1 North Borneo Railway - take a journey back in time through steam train
 - 1 Sandakan - the gateway to Borneo's wildlife
 - 1 Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary - world famous conservation centre
 - 1 Sukau - lower kinabatangan wetlands, proboscis monkey and wildlife
 - 1 Turtle Islands Marine Park - turtle conservation area which comprises of three islands - Seligaan, Bakkungan Kecil and Gulisan
 - 1 Gomantong Caves - limestone cave, bird nest collection, culture
 - 1 Langkayan Island - a fabulous diving resort of Beluran
 - 1 Danum Valley - Rainforest conservation centre
 - 1 Tabin Wildlife Reserve - Borneo's richest wildlife concentration
 - 1 Tawau Hills Park - a national park of Tawau with hot spring
 - 1 Sipadan Island - world famous diving destination
 - 1 Maliau Basin - Sabah's Lost World
 - 1 Layang-Layang Island - world famous diving destination
 - 1 Simpang Mengayau - tip of Borneo

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