

Mothers' Day Celebration

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Shang Palace will also be offering mothers a chance to indulge in Cantonese cuisine with the 'We owe you so much' 8-course set menus for dinner.

You will also be treated to special giveaways if you are a mother. If you have to have Dim Sum, the 'Appreciation' Dim Sum Brunch buffet' is just

perfect. From steamed to fried items, you just have to ask. The Dim Sum buffet is available from 10am to 2.30 pm.

If you like Italian, the award-winning Peppino features exquisite Italian 'Gracie' family style dinner' for a minimum of three persons.

The meal begins with a selection of

antipasti followed by the main course. For the perfect ending it must be tiramisu profiteroles with espresso fondant, with tea or coffee. Peppino will also be giving away special gifts for all mothers on this special day.

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He fell from grace was rooted in his own pride, and his obsession with fighting. A group of warriors came together one day and ambushed him while he was resting at home.

His feat in protecting the village and proving himself a valiant warrior however is still remembered and respected by the people. His trophies—62 human skulls taken from several battles with his enemies—are still kept at a house in Kg Kua! Kandaan today.

It must also be mentioned that one of the last Ibohngkitas or Ibohngkitas (high priestesses among the Kadazan-Dusun) was from this village. She left behind many bobohizans under her tutelage who carried on her work.

The Harvest Festival at Monopoli will carry the stamp of the history and mythology behind it.

The true spiritual feeling that comes with this celebration is enhanced with the chanting of the Magava, a reciting of the legend behind the festival in archaic language, or more specifically in "linalit". It is also part of a ceremony to appease the spirits and to honour Sambarayan or the Essence of the Paddy.

If you and your guests are in town on May 14, look up Monopoli Cultural Village at the time.

The opening ceremony will be carried out by the Perangamp Member of Parliament Philip Lasimbang. This will be followed by the presentation of Mingkung and Sumatau. A famous veteran singer, Justin Simoi, will entertain the audience at the event.

Harvest Festival songs will be presented, as will more traditional music. These include the Ilongku, Sompton, Tongkungan and Turai. Look these instruments up, they are quite interesting.

There will also be a heritage tour, where revellers are invited to tour the ground. But the best part is the Mr Monopoli competition. You will see many people trying to find out if they have what it takes to be a "Monopoli".

One of the highlights of this celebration is the crowning of the Harvest Festival Queen or Unluk Ngapulu. Many young women will be holding their breath to see if they are worthy to receive the crown.

I believe that guests, especially tourists, should not miss this opportunity to celebrate Harvest Festival under the shadow of a legend.

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