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WHERE TO STAY



Buffaloes have always been very important to the people of Borneo, notably Sabah. To the natives of this land, Buffaloes are a symbol of wealth and prosperity.

In the past, the buffalo is used for ploughing the paddy fields, flattening the furrows and combing the fields for excess grasses and clumps. The beast is also used as transport. Packed paddy grains are usually carried on its back to be transported to the rice barn. The more buffaloes one had, the more one was viewed as a person of stature in the community. This is also because buffaloes are used as dowry.

In the Kadazandusun-Murut community, when a man wants to marry, he will have to get ready at least two buffaloes as dowry. A man who does not have a buffalo ready will have to work for it. In the past this can also be achieved by taking care of someone else's buffalo and wait for it to calve. When the buffalo calves for the second time, it will be kept by the caretaker as payment for his labour.

Buffaloes have also been known to be used as collateral for debts, trade in for a piece of land and even for karo (various forms of jewellery) from foreign traders in the olden days.

Be that as it may, buffaloes in Sabah are the Asian or water buffalo variety. It is a native of India and other parts of Asia. Measuring up to six feet at the shoulder, the water buffalo has thick horns that sweep in an outward curve back toward the shoulders and may extend up to three feet from tip to tip. Broad, splayed feet enable the animal to live in a marshy habitat.

The water buffalo has short, stiff, scanty hair, and a large portion of the hide is bare and glossy. In the wild, the water buffalo is dangerous if aroused. The animal has been domesticated, however, and has been used as a draft animal since ancient times.

In the Philippines the water buffalo is known as the carabao as in Malaysia. Another Asian buffalo is the tamarau, a small, hairy variety of water buffalo.

Native to the Philippine island of Mindoro, this animal is only about three and a half feet high at the shoulder. Two rare, related species live on the Indonesian island of Sulawesi. bckfalo

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FEBRUARY EVENTS

KOTA KINABALU CITY IDOL

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KK CITY DAY CELEBRATION

Date : 02 February - 24 February 2007
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Grand Celebration
1st February 2007
9:00PM - 12:30AM
Venue: Promenade Boulevard, Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens

-Float Parade
-Performance by Popular Artistes
-INTERNATIONAL Cultural Performances (Australia, South Africa, Indonesia, Philippines, Yongin City, Korea, China)
-Flag-raising Ceremony
-Firework Display
Launching of The City Gallery
2nd February 2007
3:00PM
Venue: 7th Floor, Centre Point Sabah

Batik Show
2nd - 6th February 2007
9:00AM - 9:00PM
Venue: Palm Square, 4th Floor, Centre Point Sabah
* Launching ceremony on 3rd February at 2:00PM
Chinese New Year Carnival

10th - 15th February
6:00PM - 10:00PM
Venue : Deasoka Garden, Gaya Street
City Run

11th February 2007
7:00AM
Venue : Padang Merdeka, Kota Kinabalu
International Dart Tournament
23rd - 25th February 2007
10:00AM - 5:00PM
Venue : Dewan Masyarakat Kota Kinabalu

VIP Golf Tournament
24th February 2007
6:00AM - 2:00PM
Venue : Nexus Resort Karambunai, Menggatal
KK City Tourism Treasure Hunt
25th February 2007
6:00AM - 2:00PM
Venue : Nexus Resort Karambunai, Menggatal

BATIK SHOW

Date : 02 - 06 February 2007
Organiser : Kota Kinabalu City Hall
Venue : Palm Square, 4th Floor, Centre Point
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KOTA BELUD CULTURAL CARNIVAL 2007

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Other Cultural Events:

Papar Cultural Carnival
Date: 24th - 25th February 2007
Venue: Papar Community Hall
Lahad Datu Cultural Carnival
Date: 10th - 11th March 2007
Venue: Lahad Datu Community Hall

Tawau Cultural Carnival
Date: 24th - 25th March 2007
Venue: Tawau Town Field

Tenom Cultural Carnival:
PESTA KALIMARAN
Date: 14th - 15th April 2007
Venue: Murut Cultural Centre, Tenom.

Sandakan Cultural Carnival
Date: 9th - 10th June 2007
Venue: Sandakan Town Field

Tuaran Cultural Carnival
Date: 21st - 22nd July 2007
Venue: Tuaran

Kudat Cultural Carnival
Date: 27th - 28th October 2007
Venue: Esplanade Sidek, Kudat

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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Date : 18 - 19 February 2007
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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
Pinggan-pinggan, Tamparuli & Kudat

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

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm
Donggongon, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapoi, Kanibangan

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

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