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Tourists who visit this beautiful Land below the Wind will want to capture its essence in photographs and mementoes. There are however many types of mementoes that can remind them of the State and people. When they look at the mementoes they will be reminded of the pleasant time they spent here.

One of the mementoes that should really be promoted to tourists is the people's art expression or results of the people's artistic talents.

The people's artistic expressions are expressed in many mediums. They can be carvings, handicrafts and of course paintings.

Painting is an up and coming medium of expression by the people of Sabah. There are many artists here, such as Charles Mawan, Tianne Goonting and Sabating Ev Baron Kampiau among many others.

To get their art work you can visit the Sabah Art Gallery and inquire about the availability of their art work.

There are however artists who work outside of the gallery and set up booths for tourists to browse in. They offer instant services like portraits sketching and ready made paintings.

One of the artists who have set up a booth especially for tourist is Ishak Salehuddin, 39, who hails from Kuala Lumpur.

He has been in this line for the last 20 years and has painted hundreds of pictures. He says he paints sceneries, animals and flowers. He has painted fishes and people.

"I just love painting. When I was a boy my father used to scold me for wasting my time drawing and painting. I tried to stop but I cannot; I used to hide in the toilet and paint."

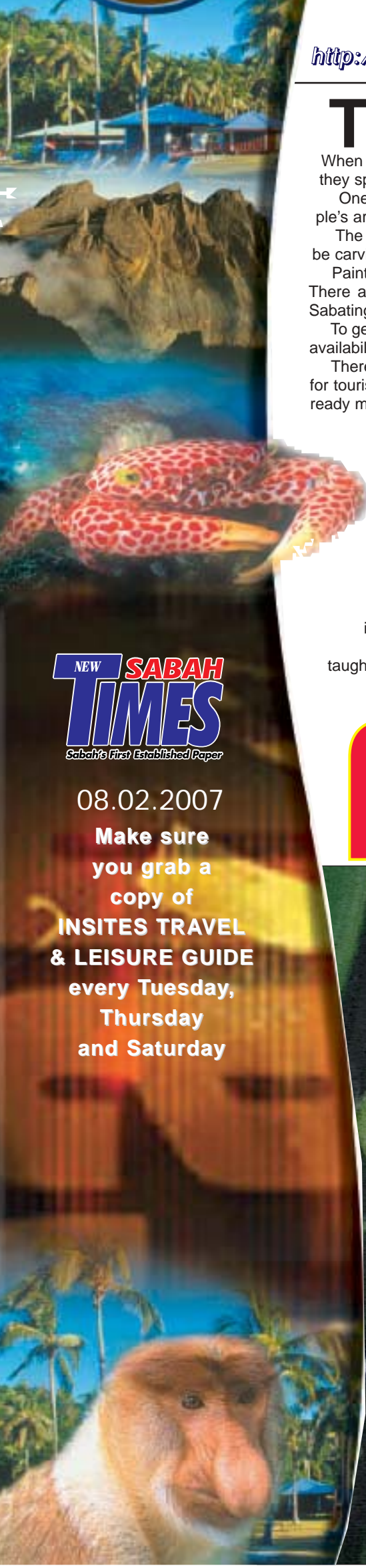
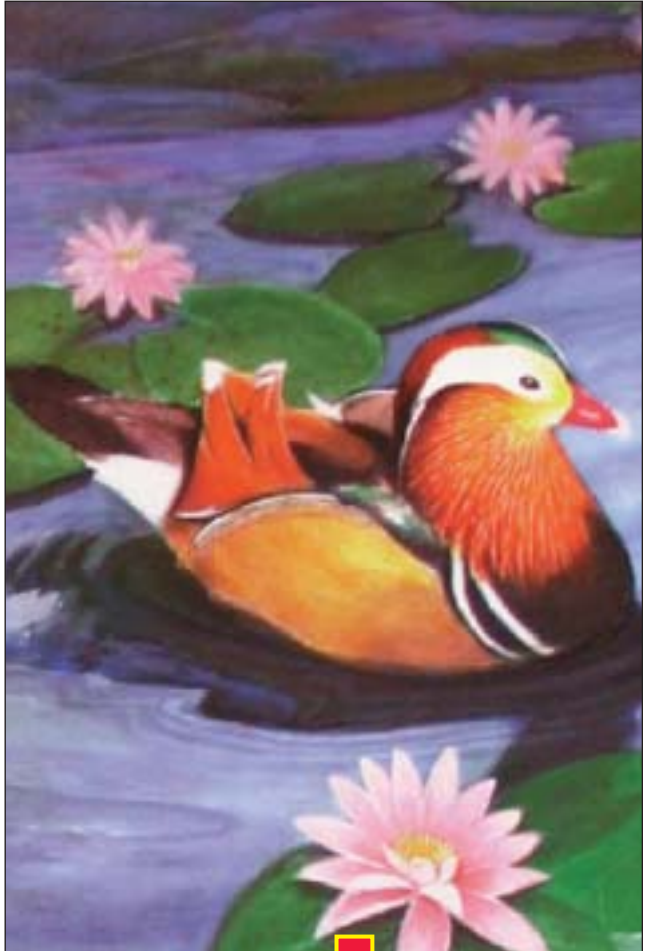
"When I grew up and finish schooling, I became a full time artist. I began with water colour and slowly upgraded myself to acrylic and oil. Now I can paint in any medium but prefer acrylic. The medium is easier to correct if you make one wrong daub."

"Anyway, I initially joined Felda as a graphic designer although I also taught some fledgling artists to paint."

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