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KK Jazz: Making Sabah an even better destination

By NAZRI NOOR

The organisers of the Kota Kinabalu Jazz Festival have been especially assertive about thanking their supporters, recently paying a visit to Sabah's Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment to present a token of appreciation.

Datuk Masidi Manjun led the discussion in a press conference on the benefits of events like the upcoming festival, citing its strengths as a tourism product. "This is just one of the missing pieces of the jigsaw puzzle of things that Sabah can sell to the world," he shared. "We are deeply rooted in ethnic music, but we are also perfectly capable of presenting other genres of music."

This year's KK Jazz Fest counts as its fourth year of bringing unique jazz acts and musicians into two nights of entertainment. While the festival has gone to great lengths to incorporate international acts in previous years, 2010's edition focuses more on providing a platform for talents from within the country, and especially those that come from Sabah.

A number of miniature performances referred to as fringe events have played out over

the past weeks, offered as previews to pique public interest. Two more fringe events will be staged at the Hyatt Regency Kinabalu's Shenanigan's Fun Pub on June 5 and 10, 2010, set as live jazz performances that will incur no door charges.

Manjun, who is known for his wit and sharp sense of humour, peppered his statements with jokes that still relate to his interest in painting Sabah as a strong Malaysian tourist attraction. "Where else in the world can you find people who live in treetops but can actually appreciate jazz music?" he quipped, referring to common misconceptions of some who have yet to visit the state.

The Kota Kinabalu Jazz Festival 2010 is organised by the Rotary Club Kota Kinabalu and the Society of Performing Arts Sabah, with funds raised donated to the Rotary Club's community projects. This year's sponsors include the Sabah Development Bank, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment Sabah, Carlsberg, and Sutera Harbour Resort. The Kota Kinabalu Jazz Festival will be held on June 18 and 19, 2010. For more information, visit www.kkjazzfest.com.

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