

DO YOU KNOW

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WHERE TO STAY

Chinese New Year

The Chinese New Year will be held this Sunday on Feb 18. During this time, the Chinese Community will celebrate the day will gather with their family to commemorate the occasion with a reunion dinner. Some Chinese in Sabah will go back to their country of origin and be with their 'big' family at this time. The New Year is also called the Spring festival, being the beginning of the four seasons. The celebration starts on the first day of the first lunar month in the Chinese calendar and ends on the 15th day. The 15th day is called Chap Goh Mei in Hokkien.

The celebration is held internationally, or where Chinese are settled. It is a major holidays and will be celebrated by Chinese wherever they are. During the Chinese New Year, children and unmarried people will receive red packets called Ang Pao or hong pao. These packets contain money in even numbers. Nowadays however odd numbers are also given away.

Before the first day of celebration housewives will usually rush to the markets to buy vegetables and edibles for the reunion dinner. They will also buy new clothes mostly red in colour for their families. Decorations are also hot items at that time. Red mock up lanterns are especially coveted.

During the reunion dinner, the array of



food can be mind boggling. I am informed that several foods are eaten to usher in prosperity, happiness and luck. Those that are apparent are kuachi or sunflower, pumpkin and melon seeds. Savoury yam cakes are also served.

In Sabah, the celebration is also an occasion for people from various races and creeds to integrate and foster friendship due to a local traditional norm of 'open' house. This is where the hosts wel-

come guests into their homes to eat and drink. Kong Hee Fatt Choy.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

KOTA KINABALU CITY IDOL

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KK CITY DAY CELEBRATION

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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, Meng-gatal
KK City Tourism Treasure Hunt
25th February 2007

6:00AM - 2:00PM
Venue : Nexus Resort Karambunai, Meng-gatal

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

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TREE PLANTING DAY

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2ND INTERNATIONAL SABAH OPEN DART TOURNAMENT

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CITY DAY REGATTA 2007

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KOTA KINABALU TOURISM TREASURE HUNT 2007

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Likas Square Business Suites
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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
Donggongan, Telipok, Tenghilan, Pekan Nabal, Sipitang, Tambunan, Keningau

FRIDAY 6am - 2pm
Donggongan, Sunsuron, Weston, Mesapol, Kanibangan

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

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