

**G**uests and staff of Shangri-La's Rasa Ria Resort went on a heart-pumping, energetic Dragonboat race that saw four boats of mixed guests and staff teams 'running' against each other. The race was held at the sea in front of the resort.

Guests who witnessed from the shore cheered their friends and spouses. Among the audience were Rasa Ria Resort's returnee guests, Mr and Mrs Al from France, who commented that it was indeed an exciting activity to have during the Chinese New Year festive period.

The four teams; Blue, Red, Green and Yellow teams, raced neck-to-neck in for about 200 metres.

The Yellow team emerged the winner, with the Blue team in close second. The Yellow team were guests from Australia with staff members of Rasa Ria.

Still on Chinese New Year celebrations, guests and staff of Rasa Ria also had a grand time witnessing a spectacular Lion Dance performance which began in the main lobby of the resort and culminated by the resort's poolside where seats were set up for the guests to enjoy the performance in comfort.

Among the guests who enjoyed the Lion Dance performance were youth from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Korea, Australia and the United Kingdom. Guests even had an opportunity to get up close with the long Dragon which was part of the troupe.

The Lion Dance troupe, which is a regular fixture in the resort's Chinese New Year activity, was from Tuaran's very own Yu Huang Temple



CAPTIONS:  
1. The winner posing for the camera  
2. The second placed team  
3 & 4. The Lions do their thing

### PLACES OF INTEREST IN SABAH

- 1 Kota Kinabalu City - the international gateway to Sabah
- 1 Tunku Abdul Rahman Marine Park - Malaysia's premier marine park comprises of five islands - Gaya, Sapi, Manukan, Mamutik and Sulug
- 1 Monsopiad Cultural Village - the house of skulls and legend of head hunter
- 1 Kinabalu Park - Mt. Kinabalu World Heritage Site
- 1 Poring Hot Springs - hot springs, rainforest canopy walk
- 1 Sabah Tea - Visit to Sabah's only tea plantation of organic tea
- 1 Klias Wetlands - mangrove wetlands, fire flies and proboscis monkeys
- 1 Tiga Island - island where CBS series "Survivor" was filmed
- 1 Padas Water Rafting - adventure river rafting
- 1 Labuan Island - the international garden of Borneo
- 1 Kota Belud Tamu - traditional Bajau natives sunday market
- 1 Kudat Rungus Village - visit traditional rungus cultural long houses
- 1 Tenom - the centre of Murut culture and Sabah Agricultural Park
- 1 Batu Punggul - jungle trekking and hiking destination
- 1 Crocker Range Park - Rafflesia research centre and jungle trekking
- 1 North Borneo Railway - take a journey back in time through steam train
- 1 Sandakan - the gateway to Borneo's wildlife
- 1 Sepilok Orang Utan Sanctuary - world famous conservation centre
- 1 Sukau - lower kinabatangan wetlands, proboscis monkey and wildlife
- 1 Turtle Islands Marine Park - turtle conservation area which comprises of three islands - Selingan, Bakkungan Kecil and Gulisan
- 1 Gomantong Caves - limestone cave, bird nest collection, culture
- 1 Langkayan Island - a fabulous diving resort of Beluran
- 1 Danum Valley - Rainforest conservation centre
- 1 Tabin Wildlife Reserve - Borneo's richest wildlife concentration
- 1 Tawau Hills Park - a national park of Tawau with hot spring
- 1 Sipadan Island - world famous diving destination
- 1 Maliau Basin - Sabah's Lost World
- 1 Layang-Layang Island - world famous diving destination
- 1 Simpang Mengayau - tip of Borneo

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