

# Crafts Exotica at the State Museum

THE State Museum is holding a Craft Exotica 2006 until May 27 this year, during which time Brunei culture will be promoted actively by the Museum.

The Museum is also holding various programmes for their visitors, so that they can see what the establishment had to offer while participating in various activities.

The Bruneian handicrafts exhibition and craft-making demonstration held at the heritage homes there should be prioritised by visitors, as it is very interesting.

This is part of a people's heritage that should be preserved so that the younger generation will not have only a superficial knowledge of their own culture, but have that special feeling of knowing that it (the culture) is specifically theirs.

A craft-making workshop will be carried out especially for students and the general public will be held during the duration of the celebration.

They hope that by holding the craft-making workshop, their visitors will appreciate the effort, the tediousness

and the intricacy of the art.

Other activities in store for visitors include the drawing and colouring competition for school children at the first and second level.

It is hoped that this activity will be instilled appreciation for the Museum in children.

Traditional game tournaments will also be held every day. The traditional games include shooting by blowpipe, catapults, kicking the sepak manggis, dancing the larsaran and throwing fishing nets. They hope that participants will come forward and experience the quaint games.

Winners will bring home attractive prizes, including hampers. The Museum opens to the public everyday from 9am to 5pm.

During the celebration which ends on May 27, those who buy tickets stand a chance to win interesting prizes, such as electrical appliances, as lucky draws will be held intermittently.

So if you and your guests are in the vicinity at the moment, drop by the State Museum and enjoy the festive atmosphere there.

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THE Lumayu Rock Carving is sited at a small hill in Bekuku Village, Ulu Tomani in the district of Tenom. It is a megalith, discovered by villagers in 1974.

The sandstone, at 25 feet by 32 feet, is a curiosity as it is carved with patterns that look like faces, footprints and other patterns.

Some people say that the carvings were made by six brothers, who was mourning the death of their youngest brother.

This rock carving was gazetted as a Cultural Heritage Site in 1999 by the Sabah Museum.

This is one of the curiosities in Sabah that can be developed and promoted as a tourism product. Perhaps those living in and around that area should think about incorporating this megalith in their homestay packages.

