

Noodle Master at STAR

Noodle Master Tao Gua from Beijing is in the Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort (STAR) to demonstrate how to make la mien or hand-rolled noodles. The demonstration will be held at the Café TATU during the dinner buffet. Besides the demonstration he will also be presenting dishes like chicken noodle soup and beef noodle soup. Chef Tao is attached with Shangri-La Hotel Beijing, and is an expert in the art of noodle making. He has also participated in several culinary competitions. He says that he had the opportunity to present the art of noodle making to American tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams last year. According to him, working with Shangri-La Beijing gave him the opportunity to show his talent to guests. He has attracted many regular customers through his skills as well as his culinary expertise. Watching the making of la mien is very interesting as the chef repeatedly stretches a piece of wheat flour dough until a network of thin noodle strands materialises. The result is a thick type of noodle. The noodle is then boiled and drained. It is then stir-fried with meats and vegetables. Dinner buffet at TATU is available from 6.30pm to 10.30pm daily. So if you are at STAR today and tomorrow, drop by for dinner and watch Tao make la mien.



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Locomotive exhibition at the Sabah Museum

WHEN you visit the State Museum around this time, you will be able to see several interesting items in its compound, an example being the locomotives. These interesting looking machines are pieces of history; more for others and less for some, but history all the same.

In April 1984, when the Museum Complex was officially opened, two locomotives were situated at the compound: the Gaya and the Sentinel 13, presented to the establishment by the Railway Department. This was further enhanced by the Sir Ralph Hone locomotive exhibition in 1989. This exhibition was further developed in 1996 in conjunction with the railway's centenary celebration.

The Steam Locomotive No. 7, Sir Ralph Hone is named for the Governor in 1912. This was the main form of transportation between Kota Kinabalu, then Jesselton, Papar and Beaufort. In 1958 this locomotive was later used for the interior area, that is, between Beaufort, Tenom and Melalap.

The Gaya Steam Locomotive was bought by the North Borneo Railways in 1912. Initially it was a passenger locomotive but in 1954, it was modified to enable it to bring goods.

The Sentinel Steam Locomotive was bought in 1927. Constructed by Sentinel Wagon Works Ltd. in Shrewsbury England, it was used as transportation from station to station. It was serviceable until 1964.

All three of these vehicles can be seen at the State Museum compound, so if you are there today, look them up.

