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celebrating SABAH

The music the sea breeze makes over the trees and the incessant crash of the waves upon the shore at Simpang Mengayau will be enhanced with man-made music when the Kota Kinabalu Symphony Orchestra performs there on May 13. The event, organised by Sabah Tourism Board and Sri Pelancongan Sabah Sdn Bhd with Kota Kinabalu Symphony Orchestra, showcases a variety of orchestral works made popular in films and movies.

The performance will start at 5.30 pm and continue past the sunset.

The Sabah Museum is holding its own event in conjunction

with the Harvest Festival. At the event, 'Crafts Exotica', various ethnic groups will present their handicrafts at the Heritage Village. The general public is invited to view Sabah's rare crafts from May 2 to 27.

Centre Point Sabah is holding a Kaamatan Fair on its Ground Floor, from May 26 to June 4. Tourists will find a variety of souvenirs to bring home for their loved ones.

Another shopping complex, Wisma Merdeka, will be holding a Wisma Merdeka Unduk Ngadau or Beauty Contest on May 20, in conjunction with the Harvest Festival Celebration.

However, participation is limited to 20 people and there will only be three rounds in the contest. The forms will be available at the information counter of the complex by the

first week of May.

The contestants of this pageant are usually garbed in their colourful traditional costumes, so tourists and the general public will be able to view the attire of various ethnic groups in Sabah.

A cultural extravaganza, meanwhile, organised by the Sabah Tourism Board (STB), will be held at the Magellan Grand Ballroom on May 5. The show, starting at 7pm, will showcase a vibrant cultural performance with traditional music, lively dances and colourful costumes. A traditional handicrafts display and sampling of food will be available.

These are only some of the events that celebrate Sabah. Don't forget to be at Kota Marudu on May 1 for the state-level harvest festival celebration launch.