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# bamboo music festival

By ANNA VIVIENNE

**T**he Bamboo Festival, one of the festival listed under the Calender of Events 2007 expect to attract tourists, as it is being promoted by MMVC Network Singapore.

This event to be held on Nov28 at Tun Hamdan Hall, Tamparuli, is being broadcasted to hundreds of schools in Singapore and Australia. Although this may not evoke an influx of visitors from these two regions, the extend of the promotion for this event outside of Sabah is tremendous.

According to a spokesperson for the event, Jane Thing , there are two main events during the festival that should be of tremendous interest.

"First, the Bamboo Orchestral Performance is the main attraction in the hall where bamboo performers would be performing. This activity would be handled by the Society, where we are organising Bamboo Music Camp from Nov 17 to 20, at SMK Tenghilan," she says adding that about 90 musicians are expected to attend.

"The second highlight of the festival is the Mamarampanau Parade (walking on bamboo stilts) to be launched by the person who is expected to launch the event. Initially, we expect at least 150 youths to participate in this event."

"Even though, I have many interested callers for this event, they have to bring their own Rampanau," she says.

The first 100 participants for Mamarampanau will get a certificate, a T-shirt and a gift of RM10.

"The field will be graced with bamboo performances from various bamboo groups," according to her.

"Fifteen booths will be displaying handicrafts which are also for sale; particularly bamboo music instruments."

Presently the organisers are encouraging participants for the exhibition or sales booth. Interested parties can call Giansing Lakansa at 019-8420 660 for more information.

The organisers hope that Tamparuli dwellers as well as tourists will come and witness the event.

Well, if you are at the vicinity at this moment, come and see the festival; with your guests. I am sure it will be very interesting.



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