



Visit KUNDASANG today

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Tour operators and their guests are invited to visit Kundasang today, as they are celebrating the cabbage.

Organising secretary Suatin Mayor says tourists are very much welcome as they will be able to join in and enjoy the celebration.

“The two day celebration will see various interesting event,” he says adding that shoppers should also come today and tomorrow as cabbages are being sold at a very special price.

Besides the cabbage, other vegetables are also being sold such as capsicum, cauliflower and even mushrooms. It is a veritable vegetable galore.

Vegetables are the live blood of the people here. It is one of their main sources of income

And because of this, they celebrate their main source of economy with this festival.

On the events, Suatin shares, “There will be a drawing competition for children starting at 10am. We want to encourage and ensure that children are included in the celebration, so we encourage them to join in the drawing contest.”

The event to be held at the Kundasang Township’s Cultural Stage will continue where at 2pm, there will be a bamboo orchestra performance. Three orchestra groups will take turn performing. The orchestra are Kinabalu Merdu Sound, Kundasang Bamboo Sound and Kerakit Bamboo Orchestra.

The performance will last for three hours. After the performance, there will be a singing competition later in the evening. The competition will comprise of two groups; adult and children.

According to Suatin, several participants for both categories have already signed up and he believes that it will be a roaring success.

He says prizes will be quite attractive as they include cash and gifts from sponsors.

“Next day, prizes to the best Vegetable Farm Management Competition will be held. Several farms are now being evaluated,” he says.

“Thirteen Village Development and Security Committee (JKKK) booth will also compete for the best booth. They will be judge by their presentation skills and the vegetable’s freshness,” he says.

The guest of honour who will officially launch the event, Minister of Tourism and Environmental Development Datuk Masidi Manjun, will arrive at about 10am.

He will launch the event and witness the performance of Sabah’s own artist Comedienne-Actor –Singer Abu Bakar Ellah.

Later that evening revellers can hope to be entertained by AF star Felix, Gangstarz Infnitz and a gaggle of local artists.

“That is not all. On Nov 18, Four Wheel Drives enthusiasts can witness a race by Four Wheels race participants,” Suatin says.

If you are not too familiar with Kundasang, well, it’s located six kilometres away from Kinabalu National Park and is the closest village to Mount Kinabalu.

It is about 60 kilometres from Kota Kinabalu and will take you two hours to drive there.

Go visit today and see the varieties of vegetables being sold there today. While you are at it enjoy the bamboo performances with the cool mountain air.