

Sabah Hotel promotes Peking Duck

THE SABAH Hotel, Sandakan is inviting diners to sample their latest promotion; the Peking Duck, for lunch and dinner. They have concocted five different ways to serve this interesting fare and should really be tried by frequenters of their restaurant.

This delicacy which is promoted at RM68.00 is one of the most sought after dish from Beijing China and should not be missed by connoisseurs.

Three chefs John Sia, Soon and Wong Nyuk Soon are involved in formulating the recipe for this dish and they believe that their costumers will not be disappointed with the fare.

The five items in the duck menu will include Duck Skin, Slice Bean Sprout, Duck Porridge, Pe Paa Duck dan Duck Soup.

The launching of this promotion was attended by Sales Managers Shirley dan Aisah Omar.



(Above) The three chefs with Shirley and Aisah



Nexus happenings

NEXUS WILL be celebrating Easter today and invites diners to 'hop' in for Easter brunch at The Penyu Restaurant.

Delicious Easter goodies will be served from 12 noon to 3pm so revellers enjoy their favourite foods at the buffet leisurely.

And for an extra special treat, the Easter Bunny Hut at the hotel lobby has a whole bunch of hopping bunnies to thrill the children. For reservations, call 411222 for Penyu Restaurant or Olives Restaurant, now.

Meanwhile, the white sandy beach of Karambunai peninsula got a much needed clean-up today by more than 90 staff of Nexus Resort Karambunai. Staff of Gregarwarni, who is responsible for keeping the immaculate grounds of the resort in superb condition, also took part to ensure their hard work is mirrored by an equally well kept beachfront.

The gotong-royong, which lasted 2 hours, was carried out along a 2km stretch of beach from the resort. The west coast has some of the most spectacular stretches of beach in Sabah including the Karambunai peninsula. Indiscriminate littering and improper waste disposal among coastal communities continue to be a challenge to keep these stretches pristine. As the government continues to work towards increasing environmental awareness among the public, Nexus Resort acknowledges its role to complement these efforts by being proactive in the fight against littering.

During the gotong-royong, about 300 bags of garbage made up mostly of plastic items, bottles and packaging as well as debris that have been washed ashore were collected. Safety and Security Manager, Mr Ravi Pillai who chairs the N.E.A.T (Nexus Environmental Action Team) committee organized the clean-up. This is a regular exercise participated by both the management and rank and file staff in support of N.E.A.T's objective to instil a high level of environmental awareness is achieved and practiced among all staff of Nexus Resort.



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OPINIONS

Tambunan; to be a major tourist destination

By Anna Vivienne

Tambunan is a town located in Interior Division of Sabah and is situated within the parliamentary constituency of Keningau.

It is populated almost entirely by Dusuns.

Located about 81 kilometres from Kota Kinabalu, it is pleasantly cool as it is located at an altitude of around 1000 meters, in the Crocker Range.

The provincial town is surrounded by greeneries and terraced paddy fields. Its most interesting sights are the dense forests of bamboo around Tambunan township.

Tambunan is not very developed and nature has not been compromised too much.

It is this fact that will be exploited fully by the relevant authority there to promote tourism.

Tambunan have not been left behind in any tourism activities and have been promoted actively to tourists, the State Assemblyman for that constituency, Datuk Seri Joseph Pairin Kitingan says.

"Tambunan is an ideal tourism destination. The beauty of nature is apparent here; the clear rivers, the

mountains and the waterfalls. We are aware of this."

"One of our tourism sites is the Mount Trus Madi. This is a beautiful area and being the second highest mountain, it is conducive for nature walks."

"We have already constructed some infrastructures there for our guests. We want them to have good facilities when they come, but we also want to safeguard our natural heritage and so we are presently waiting for the Forestry Department to act on this matter."

Trus Madi supports a wide range of unique flora and fauna, perhaps most notably Nepenthes macrophylla, a species of pitcher plant.

Pairin, a deputy chief minister and the Rural Development Minister, says the facilities around Mahua Waterfall are also being upgraded.

"Presently, a new road leading towards the waterfall is being constructed. When the road is completed, accessing the waterfall will be easier for our tourists."

"We will also be looking into the amenities around the area. We are looking at upgrading the facilities

there and building chalets for our guests' convenience."

Other effort by the authorities in this district to promote tourism is the Bamboo Festival. The Bamboo festival was celebrated in here several years ago but had since stopped. It is hoped that this festival will be revived and placed back on the State's Calendar of Events.

Actually are various tourist attractions in Tambunan that can be promoted. One of them is the Mat Salleh monument.

Mat Salleh is a local hero who rebelled against the British North Borneo Company in the late 1800's.

He was shot dead in 1900, in Kampung Toboh, Tambunan. A monument is now located there to commemorate him.

Anyway, for guests who wish to play a round of golf, there is also a golf course there, called the Tambunan Golf Course. It is located just after the township, in a quiet setting.

There are many other interesting sites in Tambunan that are worth promoting to tourists and they may well see visitors traipsing to these sites, soon.



Getting started...



SRI WAJAH Bridal and Beauty House located on the ground floor of Wawasan Plaza is inviting couples who wish to get married to visit them and acquire their services.

The shop has carried out wedding plans for many couples and has planned out weddings in private homes, community halls and Five-Star hotels.

The procedure to get the services is quite easy as the betrothed can just walk in and inquire about their services.

According to Nor Hafizah Ibrahim, the pro-

prietor, they will usually discuss the terms with their customers and after everything has been agreed they will discuss the themes.

"We want to know about the colours they want, how many pairs of wedding attire they want and what sort of wedding dais they like," she says.

Hafizah will advise customers on what is suitable for them but she will also acquiesce to their needs as ultimately 'customers are always right.'

After everything has been agreed on, the deal will be sealed and Hafizah with her helpers will wait for that day. As soon as the day approaches she will mobilise her team.

Her team will start decorating the hall at about midnight. They decorated the hall and put up the wedding dais. The next day, a breath taking sight greets onlookers and passers-by. The dais stand on a special platform, looking fit for a king.

"We have done several decorations for dais. We have also attended to non-muslims and this is where we put in more flowery elements. We like to experiment in fact," she says.

According to her she and her team have been to many places to plan weddings. They have gone to almost all the districts in Sabah.

She says she caters to all types of wedding

ceremonies, even garden weddings if need be.

"Being able to be of service is good for my business, but this is also due to my love of something beautiful. The wedding dresses are all design by me. The beads and all the sequins are meticulously carried out by hand."

"It is so nice to be able to see the bride and groom bright and happy. That is why I love doing this business. A wedding should be the most beautiful occasion, and I am glad to be a part of this."

Hafizah says she will always do her utmost best to make the wedding day the most memorable and beautiful day of the betrothed life. So if you are planning on a wedding soon, get Hafizah to do it for you.

