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Editorial

Gong xi fa cai! It's time to celebrate the Chinese New Year – a time to paint the town red, almost literally. The Chinese believe red is the colour of prosperity and during this time of the year, the colour is truly dominant. Boutiques lure shoppers with crimson hues and bright red festive decorations are hung along walkways and outside homes to usher in the New Year. In Malaysia, this is another time for friends and family to visit each other during the 'open house'.

As you enjoy the festivities, don't miss out on other exciting events this month. Check out the Cultural Carnivals in the districts of Papar and Kota Belud (p.3 & 4) – a great opportunity to get a feel of Sabah's many ethnic cultures. The search is on in this year's Kota Kinabalu Tourism Treasure Hunt (p.4). A fun-filled event with twists and turns for all to enjoy! But if you really need that adrenaline rush, take to the skies and go paragliding. Read all about this latest craze in our Leisure section (p.12) and you might just find yourself 2,000 feet above the ground without a care in the world.



Retracing the steps of the Sandakan Death March in Telupid (p.10)

Our listings section will help you plan your holiday better and for detailed information, our friendly tourist assistants at Sabah Tourism Board and Sri Pelancongan Sabah are always at hand. Enjoy your stay and jumpa lagi!

Melissa Leong
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Calendar of Events

Kota Kinabalu City's Idol February 2007

Calling all budding stars! Aspiring singers from cities around Malaysia will compete to be crowned City Idol in this exciting event.

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Batik Show

2-6 February 2007

Don't miss this exciting event, celebrating the nation's famed batik. The Batik Show will be taking place at Palm Square, 4th Floor of Centre Point Sabah, Kota Kinabalu. Held in conjunction with Kota Kinabalu City's 7th Anniversary, visitors can enjoy a myriad of activities including batik painting and a batik fashion show. Visit various stalls to order or purchase the latest in batik designs. Batik industry players from around the nation will show off their best work right here in Kota Kinabalu!

Organisers:

Kota Kinabalu City Hall (DBKK)

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City Day Celebration

2 February 2007

Join the City folks as they celebrate KK's anniversary as a city. The event will be celebrated with activities for all ages. Have your family and friends participate in the many activities held during the week to win exciting prizes.

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Kota Belud Cultural Carnival 2007

10 - 11 February 2007

This event is held to showcase the rich culture of the Bajau community in this district. Come and join the local folks for a wonderful cultural insight of the Bajau community, who are also known as the Cowboys of the East. Enjoy a display of kenduri adat (Traditional Feast), colourful dance performances, crafts and traditional games.

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Chinese New Year

18 - 19 February 2007

Chinese all over the world celebrate and welcome the year of the Boar with family reunion dinners and traditional lion, dragon and unicorn dances performed from house to house. Children and single individuals receive packets of money known as 'ang paws' wishing them luck and prosperity.

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Tree Planting Day

22 February 2007

This event is part of the City Day's celebration and held in conjunction with the World Tree Planting Day, encouraging city dwellers to plant more trees and appreciate the importance of keeping the city green.

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Papar Cultural Carnival 2007

24 - 25 February 2007

This month, Papar comes to life during the Papar Cultural Carnival. This two-day event will feature a

myriad of exciting activities. Witness the mesmerizing Sumazau Papar, the traditional dance of the Kadazandusun people who reside here, accompanied by a gong ensemble. Experience a cultural feast, known as the 'kenduri adat' and visit the many handicraft stalls (look for the handwoven 'siraung', a conical hat traditionally worn by farmers working in the paddy field as well as young maidens to complete their traditional wear). It will be a weekend filled with song, dance and traditional games for all to enjoy!

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City Day Regatta 2007

24-25 February 2007

The City Day Regatta is held over two days, comprising of several races to determine the champions in various classes of boats. The event is held as part of the KK City Day celebrations.

Organiser: Kinabalu yacht Club

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Kota Kinabalu Tourism Treasure Hunt 2007 25 February 2007

An annual event held in conjunction with the City Day celebration. Treasure hunters search the city high and low while getting to know Kota Kinabalu better. Everyone is welcome to join the hunt with attractive prizes to be won. Categories are divided into Open and Closed. There will be 10 winners for each category. The Grand Prize for the Open category is RM3000 and RM2000 for the Closed category.

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