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Editorial

Time flies when you're having fun, they say. I must've been having a ball of a time: I hardly realized half a year has gone by. My days are jam-packed with things to do, places to see and people to meet – looks like life in Sabah isn't as laid-back as many perceive it to be. However, to me being busy is a blessing rather than a chore. In June, our events are on a roll, starting with the Launch of Sandakan Festival on the 2nd. Sandakan, which was once known as Little Hong Kong, is also the gateway to Borneo's wildlife and a city rich with history. I love visiting the 'wilderness' of Sukau and the world-famous Sepilok Orang Utan Rehabilitation Centre never bores me. I urge anyone to visit the home of writer Agnes Keith (who coined the term Land Below The Wind) when in Sandakan to discover more about her time in Borneo. Without a doubt, Sandakan is a booming township and with the establishment of Sandakan Harbour Square along the coast, many anticipate the return of 'Little Hong Kong'. Read about this grand project in this month's Feature page (p.10).

Other events happening this month are the much-anticipated Sabah Dragon Boat Race which enters its 22nd year (p.4) and the return of Malaysia's award-winning Dama Orchestra (p.4). Once again, Dama hits the shores of Tawau and Sandakan, accompanied by the vocal



talents of soprano Tan Soo Suan and baritone Liau Siau Suan. A world-class musical performance that you simply cannot miss! Football more your thing? Check out young talents in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Under-13 Festival of Football coming your way. Check out the details in our Happenings section.

This month, why not visit the tamu? This weekly market is a great way to see Sabahan folks go about their daily dealings. You might even walk home with a great bargain! View our list of tamu on page 25. There's never a dull moment in Sabah. Just look in the right places and we promise you an unforgettable moment waiting to be discovered.

May your days be fun-filled and stress-free. Jumpa lagi!

Melissa Leong
Editor

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