

Calendar of Events

Sipitang GATA Festival 2007

3-5 August

The 3rd GATA Festival—which is short for Gasing (spinning top) and Tamu (open air market)—will take place in Sipitang in August. The event features a myriad of events, highlighting the traditional game of 'gasing' and the tamu. Among the events at the festival are the Gasing Sipitang Championship, traditional local food carnival, a Silat (a Malay art of self-defence) championship and a photography competition. You can also witness the biggest Kulintang musical ensemble in Malaysia perform for their entry in to the Malaysian Book of Records, have a go at traditional games and sample delicious local fare.

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Website: <http://www.gatasipitang.gov.my>

KK Jazz Festival

11 August

Kota Kinabalu's first Jazz Festival will be taking place this month at Jesselton Point. Come and groove to the musical renditions of Malaysian talents such as Farid Ali (Mr. Gambus), June Tan, Jazzleton Quintet, Double Take featuring Sabah's very own Mia Palencia and Roger Wang and many more. In conjunction with the festival, don't miss the Sunday Matinee Jazz Jamming session by local musicians at the Hyatt Regency Kinabalu Atrium from 3-5 pm from 22 July to 5 August. Music workshops on the gambus, guitar and drums will also be held on 11 August at Music Mart Likas from 11am to 1pm.

Organiser: Kota Kinabalu Rotary Club / Society of Performing Arts Kota Kinabalu Sabah (SPARKS)
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Menara Tun Mustapha BASE Jump — Merdeka Circuit 2007

12 August

In conjunction with Merdeka Day, BASE jumpers from around the world will be making their historic leap off the Menara Tun Mustapha as part of the KL Tower International BASE Jump Merdeka Circuit 2007. Sabah is one of the five locations selected for this exciting jump. Come join the action at Menara Tun Mustapha this month!

Organiser: Menara Kuala Lumpur Sdn. Bhd.
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Sabah Tea Adventure Race 2007

12 August 2007

40km race that combines off-road mountain biking, jungle running, obstacle and river-crossing is designed within the Sabah Tea Garden, which became the 1st recipient of Tourism Malaysia's Best Tour Programme from Educational Tourism Award in 2005.

Organiser: Sabah Tea Sdn Bhd
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Sandakan Memorial Day

15 August 2007



During WWII, approximately 2400 allied prisoners were held in Sandakan, North Borneo. Between January to June 1945, groups of prisoners were sent on 3 separate torturous 160-

mile marches from Sandakan to Ranau, known today as the infamous Death March. Only 6 men survived. To commemorate those who died and suffered the terrible atrocities, relatives and friends in Australia have initiated August 15 as the Sandakan Memorial Day. The memorial service will be held at the Sandakan Memorial Park which was once the site of the POW Camp.

Organiser: Sandakan Municipal Council
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Launching of Merdeka Month

17 August 2007

The launching of Malaysia's Merdeka (independence) month is held nationwide simultaneously.
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Fruits and Flowers Festival

18 – 19 August 2007



Sabah Agriculture Park

Visit the Sabah Agriculture Park for a chance to taste local, exotic and wild fruits and enjoy the beautiful blooms found within the park. There are also various activities organized and local fruits such as durians, rambutans and mangosteens will be on sale.

Organiser: Sabah Agriculture Park
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Piano Recital by Bobby Chen

25 August

Sandakan-born Bobby Chen will be performing in Kota Kinabalu at the Yayasan Sabah Mini Auditorium. The pianist has become a household name in Great Britain and the Far East, having performed in Bridgewater Hall and the Royal Festival Hall to name a few. Come and watch this award-winning pianist in action this month. Concert begins at 7:30pm. Tickets are available at Pang Pianos (+6088-266670) and Music Mart (+6088-232629).

Organiser: Kota Kinabalu Music Society
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Borneo Orchid Show 2007

23-26 August

Orchid lovers will delight in the amazing display of orchids at this year's Borneo Orchid Show. The show at Anjung Perdana, Tanjung Aru Beach will open to the public from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm. The 4-day show will also feature a flower arrangement workshop, orchid photography exhibition, sale of handicrafts

and an opportunity to purchase orchids, cacti, books, orchid-motif batik and many more items

Organiser: Kota Kinabalu City Hall / Borneo Orchid Society Sabah
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50th Anniversary of Independence Day and Birthday of Sabah's Head of State Special Exhibition

24 August – 18 November 2007

An exclusive exhibition showcasing the outstanding achievements of Malaysia since gaining independence fifty years ago. This special exhibition depicts past and present Malaysian leaders and their people's struggle to achieve independence and filling the gaps of development after achieving independence. It also exhibits the life history of the Head of State of Sabah and related cultural and arts activities at the Sabah Museum Complex.

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Merdeka Day Regatta 2007

25 – 26 August 2007

Held in conjunction with National Day Celebrations, this regatta uses different classes of boats and is open to sailors from around the world.

Organiser: Kinabalu Yacht Club
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Malaysian Craft Exhibition



29 August-3 September

More than 70 craftspeople will participate in the Malaysian Craft Exhibition, to be held at Lintasan Deasoka, Kota Kinabalu. Visitors can also purchase all sorts of handicrafts, sample delicious local fare and have a go at traditional games.

Organiser: Malaysian Handicraft Development Corporation (Sabah) / Kota Kinabalu City Hall
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Merdeka Day

31 August 2007

On 31st August 1957, the Federation of Malaya States gained its independence from the British. Hence, this day is known as "Hari Merdeka" or Independence Day. Every state will have a march-past simultaneously with the National level held in Kuala Lumpur.

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