



## Handicraft Exhibition at the Monsopiad Cultural Village, Every Saturday and Sunday

The Monsopiad Cultural Village will be displaying the many handicrafts of Sabah every weekend in April. It is at these weekends that you will learn the backgrounds and origins of the crafts and witness demonstrations of how the locals transform natural materials like leaves, rattan and bamboo into creative and functional pieces. Among the ethnic groups and their signature crafts that will be on display are the famous Rungus beaded necklaces, the Bajau parang from Kota Belud and the Murut hats woven from strips of sombituon bamboo. Visit the Monsopiad Cultural Village this month to see the baskets, hats, beaded necklaces, musical instruments and woven boxes of Sabah's cultural persuasion.

For more information, please contact the Monsopiad Cultural Village at 088 774337, fax 088 761680 or email [info@monsopiad.com](mailto:info@monsopiad.com).



## 11th-13th April 2008

The Sabah International Fishing Tournament is held annually at a fishing area on the West Coast of Sabah, 40 nautical miles from Sabah's State Capital City of Kota Kinabalu. The tournament grounds will be a 20 nautical-mile radius of Pulau Mengalum and the boats will be flagged off from Sutura Harbour Resort on the 11th of April. Individual and Team competitors will be able to compete in this event. A prize amount of RM 10,000 is set for the group event where the 3 team members submit their heaviest fish to win. The fishing tournament is getting increasingly popular and has become an annual challenge among anglers in the region.

For registration and further information, please call The Sabah Anglers Association, Zachary Mobijohn at 088 232121 or email [sabahanglers@gmail.com](mailto:sabahanglers@gmail.com). Registration forms are available at the Sri Pelancongan Sabah counter at Block L of the Sinsuran Complex and the Sabah Tourism Board counter at 51, Gaya Street.

## 4th Special Olympics Mt. Kinabalu Challenge, 17th-20th April 2008

A group of 110 intellectually disabled (ID) athletes will attempt to scale the highest mountain in Malaysia at the 4th Special Olympics Mt. Kinabalu Challenge on April 17-20 this year. The main objective of this event is to provide a unique opportunity for the special athletes to heighten their self esteem and confidence and to help them reach their full potential. This will also be an effort to break the current record held by a group of 61 intellectually disabled who successfully reached the summit at 4095 metres in 2005. The first record-breaking feat was created in September 1999, where 22 ID people succeeded in their maiden attempt to reach the top of the mountain. The 3 day challenge involves 110 special athletes accompanied by a personal escort in total, out of which 40 will be international participants from Brunei, Taiwan, Philippines and Australia. The journey to the top of the mountain will be carried out in stages where 55 ID climbers along with their escort will be flagged off on the first day. The second group comprising another 55 will take their turn the next day. There is also another group of day trippers for the local special athletes to attempt the climb to the first hut. Come to witness and support this truly inspiring event!

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