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Message from the Editor



Apakah khabar? Ready for another month of things to do, places to see and people to meet? Let 'Sabah Malaysian Borneo' give you an idea or two. I have always been fascinated with the innovative charm of our Sabahan people – who would imagine making a musical instrument out of wild-growing bamboo or jackfruit wood to carve a lute (known as the 'gambus')? That's why the Bamboo Music Festival (p.3) is my top pick for this month's Happenings & Highlights. I'll be making my way to Tamparuli to join the residents as they show off their musical skill playing instruments made of bamboo. I have heard the Kinabalu Bamboo Orchestra perform several times and I must say, listening to 'Black Magic Woman' played on the sompoton is something else! There will be a myriad of activities to witness and enjoy during the festival as well. Read more about it in our Happenings & Highlights section.

Want to know more about ethnic wedding cultures and customs? Then head over to Monsopiad Cultural Village every Saturday this month to experience the Traditional Mock Wedding Display (p.3). Interested in more adrenaline-charged events? Then the 8th Borneo Tens and 1st Borneo Women's 7's in Sandakan is up your alley (p.4). Check our Calendar of Events for a more detailed listing of what's happening in Sabah this month.

This month's feature highlights SabahAir Aviation – a mind-blowing experience that takes you the skies for a breathtaking view of Sabah and all its wonders! (p.10). SabahAir has a list of interesting tour packages at affordable rates and even caters to special requests. Seeing that it's November, it might be a wise idea to avoid the Christmas rush and start shopping now! Let Kadaiku offer you some great gift ideas (p.15), from plush toys to simply Sabahan goodies.

I hope your stay in Sabah Malaysian Borneo will be truly memorable. If you need further information, your answers are a click away at www.sabahtourism.com. And yes, it's great to be back!

Melissa Leong
Editor

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