

9th City Day Celebration 2 February

Kota Kinabalu enters its 9th year as a city this February. Join the city folk as they celebrate at Padang Merdeka on the eve of City Day. Witness a symbolic flag-raising ceremony, poetry recital and a grand fireworks display. Various activities and competitions will be held throughout the week in conjunction with the City Day celebration. Contact the City Hall for more details on these events. For more information, please contact Faradillah Abdul Rani at tel. no 088-521800 or fax 088-233815. E-mail faradillah@dbkk.sabah.gov.my



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Sabah Hailed Malaysia's No. 1 Destination

Sabah was awarded the prestigious Celcom 'Favourite Tourism Destination' Gold Award during the recent Diplomacy In Tourism Dinner held in Kuala Lumpur. Sabah was voted as winner by ambassadors and senior diplomats in a unique judging system, beating top contenders Melaka, Penang and Langkawi. Receiving the award was Sabah Minister of Tourism, Culture & Environment Datuk Masidi Manjun. "Finally, we can say that we have the most beautiful state in Malaysia and I think what puts us above every one else is the natural friendliness of the people of Sabah and the fact that our racial make-up is second to none in the whole country," he said.



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Kids Scuba Adventure Camp 2008

Tunku Abdul Rahman Park's Mamutik Island was the selected venue for the Kids Scuba Adventure Camp 2008. Some 15 families from Peninsular Malaysia consisting of 19 scuba 'rangers' (aged 8 to 12) and 12 junior open water divers (aged 13-17) spent their days exploring Sabah's underwater world. Kids Scuba Director, Syed Abdul Rahman, said this was their first time to Sabah and objective of the camp was to give the children an opportunity to further develop their interest in scuba diving and to cultivate awareness for underwater conservation. With the full support of Borneo Divers, the camp lasted for 4 days and 3 nights and was held during the school holidays. For more information on Kids Scuba, visit www.kidsscuba.com.



Albert Teo Launches Tenth Book, 'A Souvenir of Sabah'

Renowned personality in Sabah's tourism industry, Albert Teo, recently launched 'A Souvenir of Sabah', his tenth publication to date. The 36-page photographic book is a joint effort between Teo and Dr. Dale Straughan – a colourful compilation of Sabah's major towns, attractions and landmarks. Seen here is Teo presenting a signed copy to Chairman of Sabah Tourism Board, Dato' Seri Tengku Zainal Adlin. 'A Souvenir of Sabah' is ideal as a memento of your trip to Sabah or as gift for friends and family. At only RM19.90, you can grab a copy at Kadaiku, located at the Sri Pelancongan Sabah office in Sinsuran, Kota Kinabalu.



4M Kiulu Bamboo Rafting Challenge 25 January

With valleys, mountains, rivers and hills, Sabah is every adventure-enthusiast's dream. It's all thrills and spills this month during the annual 4M Kiulu Bamboo Rafting Challenge. The event was initially scheduled to take place in December but due to unfavourable weather conditions, the event had to be postponed to January. Severe floods swept away the bamboo rafts and affected the race course. Organisers had no choice but to postpone the event to a later date.

This exciting Quad-event consists of four popular race-events of Kadazandusun people: Manang'kus (a 6-km run), Mamang'kar (bamboo rafting for 5 km along the rapids), Manam'Patau (paddle-swim for 1.3 km with a bamboo pole) and Mama-ram-panau (bamboo stilt-walking for 0.2 km).

Since its debut in 1996, the race has become a much-anticipated annual event, attracting adventure-enthusiasts from all over. The competition has several categories, including the X-treme 5M, the Mixed Open and Junior Open. Over the years, it has received rave reviews from both local and international participants due to its unique race elements – a truly Sabahan race! Come and cheer for your favourite team and be part of the excitement during the Challenge!

For more information or to register, please contact Ariffin Gadait (organising chairman) at 088-225752 or 019 862 4585. E-mail Ariffin.Gadait@sabah.gov.my



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