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Message from the Editor

As the revelry of the Harvest Festival dies down, we gear up for more exciting activities coming our way as June rolls around. The gliding of fierce dragons along the South China Sea accompanied by the beating of Chinese drums marks the Duan Wu or Dragon Boat Festival. Sabah has a strong Chinese community and like many other festivals, we celebrate this with as much grandeur as possible! The most significant event in the month of June is none other than the Sabah Dragon Boat Race which takes place on the 20th and 21st of June at the Likas Bay in Kota Kinabalu. Entering its 24th year, the race continues to attract some of the top Dragon Boat teams from around the world, including Indonesia, Japan, China, Australia, Singapore, Penang and the Philippines to name a few. It's an exciting time of the year as Likas Bay comes alive with 'racing dragons' and dancing lions! You won't want to miss this annual race.

It's also the month go green and be nicer to Mother Nature as we celebrate World Environment Day. I had the immense pleasure of speaking with Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort and Spa's General Manager, Andrew Steele (p.3) who shares my passion for all things Sabah and agrees with the sentiment that one less plastic bag with each purchase can go a long way. Another easy tip is to carpool. Not only is it gentler on the environment but reduces the growing traffic jam woes! Join the World Environment Day programme at the Lok Kawi Wildlife Park on the 13th of June (see our Happenings & Highlights page for more details) and see how you can play your part in keeping the earth clean and green. Also noteworthy this month is the KK Jazz Festival at the Sutura Harbour Marina – Forget rock and



country ballads! Let loose with the suave sounds of jazz performed by international and local talents.

Be sure to check out the other sections of our magazine such as the Places of Interest and Eating Out for more 'makan' ideas. Every month, we look forward to bring you the best of Sabah Malaysian Borneo. Need more help? Visit our Tourist Information Counters at the Sabah Tourism Board office along Jalan Gaya or at Sri Pelancongan Sabah in Sinsuran. In Sandakan, swing by the Sandakan Tourist Information centre located in the heart of the city. From racing dragons to jazzy sessions, mark your calendar for another busy month in Sabah. Make this a holiday to remember!

Melissa Leong
Editor