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FRASER'S HILL INTERNATIONAL BIRD RACE 25 - 26 FEB @ BUKIT FRASER, RAUB, PAHAM

MIRI COUNTRY MUSIC FEST 2017



MALAYSIA TECHNOLOGY EXPO 16 - 18 FEB @ PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE





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THE BRAZILIAN SAX FROM SAMBA TO BOSSA NOVA 10 – 11 FEB @ PENTAS 1, KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 9-12 FEB @ SAUJANA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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BALOK WIND CHALLENGE



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## PASIR GUDANG WORLD KITE FESTIVAL 1 - 28 FEB @ BUKIT LAYANG-LAYANG, PASIR GUDANG, JOHOR

The World Kite Festival is an annual event held at Bukit Layang-Layang, Pasir Gudang, Johor, gathering almost 230 international kite flyers (participants) from 40 countries.

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## KEK LOK SI DISPLAY OF LIGHTS 7 - 22 FEB @ KEK LOK SI TEMPLE

Enjoy the sights at this annual event which showcases more than 10,000 lights.

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## MAYBANK CHAMPIONSHIP 2017 9-12 FEB @ SAUJANA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

After a decade of golf excellence, Maybank continues to give players across the world and ASEAN region a chance to redefine the game at the Maybank Championship. As the first of its kind on Tour, a specially curated ASEAN category will see the region's rising golf stars tee-off alongside some of the world's best golfers from both the Asian and European Tours, as well as the top 10 Malaysian players from the PGM Tour from February 9 -12 at Saujana Golf and Country Club.



## THAIPUSAM 9 FEB @ BATU CAVES

An important Hindu festival featuring kavadis or ornate frames carried by devotees. The festival attracts over one million people to Batu Caves, a world -renowned Hindu cave temple.

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## THE BRAZILIAN SAX FROM SAMBA TO BOSSA NOVA 10 – 11 FEB @ PENTAS 1, KUALA LUMPUR PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE (KLPAC)

Two nights of Bossa Nova and Brazilian Jazz performance by acclaimed Brazilian saxophone player Leo Gandelman and his band.

Tickets: RM 40 - RM 100



# 10-11



## LAUGH DIE YOU - THE MOB 11 FEB, 7.30PM @ GENTING INTERNATIONAL SHOWROOM

It's time for another round of Malaysian vs Singaporean comedians in the ever popular Laugh Die You series with The Mob. Close to 12,000 punters have been brought to tears from laughter since this showcase took off just over two years ago. Since then we've had the likes of Douglas Lim, Kumar, Rizal Van Geyzel and Phua Chu Kang deliver their unique brands of comedy.

This time around the motley mob consists of the multi-talented Mark Lee, who will be hosting and singing in English, Cantonese and Hokkien and Malaysia's darling of comedy Kuah Jenhan – dapper, 'leng chai' with a smile and quick-wit that kills, joins the fray to take on Singapore's Asian-wannabe, multi-lingual travel-bug, Jonathan Atherton.

Not only that, as Malaysian crooner Michael Leaner makes his debut at this highly anticipated comedy show unlike any other. Prepare to be serenaded by his soulful voice and dance along to the latest hits! It's not only a night full of laughs; it's a night full of entertainment!

Tickets: RM 142.20 - RM 242.20



## MALAYSIA TECHNOLOGY EXPO 16 -18 FEB @ PUTRA WORLD TRADE CENTRE

Since its beginnings in 2001, the Malaysia Technology Expo (MTE) has grown to become one of the region's most recognized international invention and innovation expos. Now in its 16th year, the MTE this time is expected to showcase over 500 exhibits of platform inventions and innovations from inventors in Asia and beyond.

MTE is the invention marketplace connecting inventors and their ideas to investors, manufacturers and distributors in order to promote commercialisation and collaboration. MTE aims to uphold the high ideals of innovation and scientific progress, as the ideal platform for inventors, innovators and technopreneurs to establish their identity and promote innovative ideas that have the potential to change the world.

Once again its concurrent awards programmes, the Invention & Innovation Awards 2017, Malaysia International Design Expo & Awards 2017 (mIDEAS) and the Asian Youth Innovation Awards & Expo 2017 will bring due recognition to the best in inventions, designs and innovations of the year. In fact, the awards at MTE have been a stepping stone for many inventors to achieve success at invention fairs around the world.

These awards, which recognise excellence in innovative technologies and design, are organised and endorsed by the Malaysian Association of Research Scientists (MARS).

www.mte.org.my



## CHINGAY FESTIVAL 17 FEB @ JALAN ULUAIR MOLEK AND AROUND THE CITY, JOHOR BAHRU, JOHOR

This is a special Chinese New Year Celebration when devotees take the five deities from Johor Bahru old temple on their annual 'tour'.

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## VALENTINE'S DAY 14 FEB

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## BORNEO ULTRA TRAIL MARATHON 2017 (BUTM) 18 - 19 FEB @ KIULU VILLAGE, TUARAN, SABAH

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## BALOK WIND CHALLENGE 17 - 19 FEB @ PANTAI BALOK, KUANTAN, PAHANG

Held at Balok Beach, this event features wind surfing and kite surfing competitions. Enjoy the atmosphere with competitors and supporters from various nations.





## EDDIE IZZARD: FORCE MAJEURE 21 FEB @ GALAXY HALL @ HGH CONVENTION CENTRE KUALA LUMPUR

After touring around five continents, Eddie Izzard is finally bringing his massive Force Majeure world tour to Malaysia! One of the most acclaimed comedians of his generation, Izzard's unique, tangential, absurd and surreal comic narratives are lauded for their creativity and wit, earning him a New York Drama Desk Award and two Emmys for Dress to Kill, two British Comedy Awards for Top Stand-Up Comedian, and an Olivier Award nomination for Outstanding Achievement.

His long list of film and stage credits includes Valkyrie opposite Tom Cruise, Steven Soderbergh's Ocean's Thirteen and Ocean's Twelve opposite George Clooney and Brad Pitt, David Mamet's Race and The Cryptogram, the title role in Marlow's Edward II, and A Day in the Death of Joe Egg in London and on Broadway which won him a handful of awards, including a Tony nomination for Best Actor. Don't miss your chance to see the great Eddie Izzard live.

Tickets: RM 130 - RM 270



## MIRI COUNTRY MUSIC FEST 2017 25 - 26 FEB @ PARKCITY EVERLY HOTEL MIRI

The 2017 instalment of the Miri Country Music Festival is going to be bigger and better! For the first time, MCMF'17 will be held for two days at Parkcity Everly Hotel, Miri. Featuring some of the of country musicians from all over the world, and drawing by country music lovers from all walks of life, MCMF'17 is definitely coming in with a loud BANG! A festival for both the young and old; and definitely for country music lovers, activities at the festival include a bazaar with various stalls selling a wide variety of food, games and souvenir items. After a successful inaugural event in 2014, the 2017 instalment of the Miri Country Music Festival is going to be bigger and better!

www.miricountrymusic.com

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## CITY DAY OPEN REGATTA 25 - 26 FEB @ KINABALU YACHT CLUB, TANJUNG ARU, SABAH

The event is held annually at KYC with the main objective of promoting sports tourism in Sabah.

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## FRASER'S HILL INTERNATIONAL BIRD RACE 25 - 26 FEB @ BUKIT FRASER, RAUB, PAHANG

A fun event for participants and nature lovers alike to sight, identify and record the most number of bird species.

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WTA- MALAYSIA OPEN 2017 25 FEB - 5 MARCH @ TPC KUALA LUMPUR (FORMERLY KNOWN AS KLGCC)

WTA Malaysian Open, previously known as BMW Malaysian Open, is part of the international tournament under the Women's Tennis Association (WTA). With the success of the WTA Malaysian Open over the past seven years, the event has now been firmly established as a highlighted event in the Malaysian sporting calendar and social calendar. Players from over 20 countries will be participating in this premier tournament. WTA- Malaysian Open 2017 plans to secure one top-10-star player, five top-15 players and 5 top-20 players to play in the tournament. The qualifying round will be from Feb 25 – 26, main draw on Feb 27 – March 2, guarter finals on March 3, first doubles semi-final on March 3, semi-finals on March 4 and singles / doubles finals on March 5.



## BEFORE YOU EXIT LIVE IN MALAYSIA 2017 26 FEB, 8.00PM

@BENTLEY MUSIC AUDITORIUM, PETALING JAYA

The super talented sibling-trio from Florida are heading to Asia for their All The Lights Tour in 2017.

In 2015, the group signed to RCA Records, released their hit song "Model" and toured with the Vamps and co-headlined a European tour with Christina Grimmie. Since becoming a group, the brothers have garnered over 36 million views on YouTube. In 2014, the group toured in support of their debut EP, I Like That. Aside from headlining shows all over the world, the group has supported Cody Simpson, Olly Murs and Fifth Harmony.

Tickets: RM 129 – RM 229



## INFLATABLE AMAZING RUN 26 FEB @ KEPONG METROPOLITAN PARK, KUALA LUMPUR

The inflatable Amazing Run is in The Malaysia Book of Records as a run with the longest inflatable used. It is a 5km fun run with more than 8 dry and wet inflatable obstacles. This run is one you've never experienced in any other run or race. Completing the course to overcome different inflatable obstacles, you can take home the Malaysia Book of Record certificate!

It has no timing clock, nothing competitive other than finding just a great reason to have fun with your friends and family while doing something active and challenging. It will be definitely more fun when you're not doing it alone. Invite your loved one to join and conserve your energy for this fun event.

03 - 7490 2128 www.inflatableamazingrun.com



## RENEGADES 2 FEB

As a group of Navy SEALs try to solve a long-forgotten mystery, they encounter yet another enigma - deep inside a lake in wartorn Serbia, an immense treasure lies hidden waiting to be discovered.

Genre: Action / Thriller Cast: Sullivan Stapleton, J.K. Simmons, Charlie Bewley.



## THE LEGO BATMAN MOVIE 9 FEB

Since the events in "The Lego Movie", Lego Batman voiced by Will Arnett is back as the caped crusader to battle yet another force of evil in the Lego realm. This time around, he is joined by Lego Robin, Lego Batgirl and more in Gotham city as a new villain in the form of Lego Joker makes his cunning entry.

Genre: Action / Animation / Comedy Running Time: Not Available Cast: Will Arnett, Michael Cera, Zach Galifianakis, Rosario Dawson, Ralph Fiennes.

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## RINGS 9 FEB

Thirteen years after the event in "The Ring", Samara returns with a familiar video tape and is set to strike a couple, Holt and Julia.

Genre: Horror Cast: Matilda Lutz, Alex Roe, David Dorfman, Johnny Galecki, Aimee Teegarden.



## 50 SHADES DARKER 9 FEB

Anastasia has ended things with Christian to pursue a normal life with a career in a Seattle publishing house. Christian wrestles with his inner demons while Anastasia deals with her anger and envy of the women who came before her.

Genre: Drama / Romance Cast: Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan.



## A CURE FOR WELLNESS 16 FEB

A man travels to the Swiss Alps to pick up his boss from a therapeutic institute. But when he arrives, he finds out that the boss has vanished. Things get worse when he realises he is trapped at the facility that may disguise itself as a wellness spa serving the health needs of its patients but in reality, has a more sinister purpose.

## Genre: Horror

Cast: Dane DeHaan, Mia Goth, Jason Isaacs.



A CURE FOR WELLNESS







## **FIST FIGHT 16 FEB**

A meek and mild-mannered English teacher is challenged to a fist fight by his much tougher colleague, who is convinced that he is trying to get the latter fired from the school.

Genre: Comedy Cast: Ice Cube, Charlie Day, Christina Hendricks, Dennis Haysbert, Tracy Morgan, Dean Norris.



## 16 FEB

After an outbreak of a pandemic disease of rabies results in turning the majority of humankind into a violent new species called the "Infected", a survivor with the ability to speak their new language investigates them and pursues "Patient Zero" in order to find a cure to save humanity, including his infected wife.

#### Genre: Action

Cast: Matt Smith, Natalie Dormer, Stanley Tucci, John Bradley-West.

## **HIDDEN FIGURES 23 FEB**

Three brilliant African-American women at NASA; Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanised the world.

#### Genre: Drama

Cast: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe, Kevin Costner, Kirsten Dunst.





## **GUARDIANS** 23 FEB

During the Cold War, an organisation called "Patriot" created a super-hero squad, which includes members of multiple soviet republics. For years, the heroes had to hide their identities, but in hard times they must show themselves again.

Genre: Action / Adventure / Science Fiction Cast: Sebastien Sisak, Sanzhar Madiyev, Anton Pampushnyy, Alina Lanina.



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Coming from humble beginnings, Amber Chia's journey to being the supermodel that she is today is a testament to her hard work and perseverance. At the age of 17, she moved to Kuala Lumpur with only RM300 in her pocket. However, within a few years, she would hold the record of being the first Asian model for the worldwide 2004 Guess Watches campaign before being selected by Victoria Beckham to walk down the prestigious New York Fashion Week. She has since expanded her career as an actor, brand ambassador and more recently as an entrepreneur upon the establishment of the Amber Chia Academy. Fresh off the photo shoot for KL Lifestyle, Amber sits with us to reflect on her supermodel journey. 4.1

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COVER STORY

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### How did you decide on pursuing professional modelling?

When I was young, I always admired the girls I saw on my television or magazines and I hoped that I could be as beautiful as them. It was a childhood dream, and upon learning more about modelling as I grew up, I started to join more competitions and even submitted my photos to be featured in the newspapers. I was pretty lucky because every time I joined a competition, I tended to be awarded Miss Photogenic. Plus, each of my photo submission would get accepted and it was encouraging to see my photo appear in the newspapers too. These experiences were what made me more confident about my abilities to pursue and succeed in this industry.

## You left Tawau, Sabah to pursue a modelling career in Kuala Lumpur. Tell us more about this transition.

I understood early on that the city would be best for me to start my modelling career, and Kuala Lumpur (KL) presented a lot of opportunities for me back then. I moved to KL at the age of 17, and upon moving here, it dawned on me that things were not as I had expected them to be. It was a very competitive environment, and I initially faced a lot of rejections. I only got my first show after attending 30 to 40 casting sessions.

## You have endured a lot of struggles, but you have since made a name as a supermodel and the principal of your own academy. What is the secret to your success?

I truly believe in the saying, 'Never try, never know'. Before I became the 'Amber Chia', I was just another ordinary model. I joined so many pageants and competitions early on, and even though I did not win all of them, I pushed on anyways. In 2004, I had a big turning point when I was appointed as the model for the worldwide Guess Watches campaign. I received recognition as an international model and it presented me with a lot of opportunities. That was how Amber Chia became known to everyone. It is very important to keep striving and not be disheartened by failures, because it is these experiences that will make you want to succeed even more.

## You mentioned the 2004 Guess Watches campaign. How did it feel like to triumph by being their first Asian model?

It just asserted my aforementioned philosophy that you have to be brave enough to try something new. Furthermore, it showed to me that nothing was impossible with the right mindset and patience.

## Who would you say was your biggest source of inspiration back then?

As there were no schools back then for modelling, I had to look to the people in television and magazines for my source of inspiration and guidance. However, when I moved to KL, there was a girl called Ling Tan who became the first Malaysian model to move to New York and she would go on to perform really well there. When I first heard her story, I was immediately motivated to do better. Ling Tan had a very oriental aesthetic to her, and this distinction was greatly valued in New York, though it was not necessarily appreciated the same way in other countries. It proved to me that beauty really is subjective. During my first few years in Malaysia, I could not get a lot of jobs because I was considered as not having the classic looks of a 'pretty girl'. Similar to Ling's experiences, it was only when I tried out for the international campaign that I was recognised as I emerged victorious in the Guess model search.

## You were personally selected by Victoria Beckham to represent her fashion line at the prestigious New York Fashion Week back in 2009. Describe that experience for us.

It was a great experience! I was in New York for 1 ½ years, and I was eventually chosen to do 11 shows there, inclusive of the show for Victoria Beckham. If Kuala Lumpur had a competitive scene, well New York presented a more extreme scenario. There were a couple thousands of girls that attended these casting sessions, and among them were a lot of Chinese, Japanese and Korean girls who were very tall. I would consider myself one of the shorter models there, however, I am grateful that it did not hinder me. Luckily for me, the designers at NY Fashion Week were more concerned with the way the clothes were being carried by the models, instead of being fixated on their height. In fact, there was one show in which I was chosen to be the opening girl because I was the shortest one there, so yes, it worked out well in the end.

## You are also the principal of your own modelling and beauty school. What made you want to start the Amber Chia Academy?

When I was struggling, I wished I had some guidance from others. So, I developed this dream that I would like to open an academy to help others, when I had the resources to do so. Seven years ago, I decided to kick-start this effort and made it into a reality because I had a lot of people coming up to me for tips constantly. I realised that I was not able to answer all their questions nor guide them one by one, and that is what this academy seeks to address. I am glad that after all these years, we have been able to change the landscape of the local modelling industry and more importantly, change its perception among Malaysians. Back in 1999, when I just started out, my parents disagreed with me because they viewed the modelling/entertainment industry negatively. There was an assumption that it was an unstable career which could not be sustained for the long term. I am glad to say that now after all the years of effort by the Academy, we have altered that misconception and instead proved that it is indeed sustainable.



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## What are the biggest challenges that you have faced in this line of work?

The challenges I have faced have now become valuable life experiences for me. I recall the times when I did not even have a single cent to eat or get back home after a casting session. Luckily for me, I bumped into someone nice who offered me RM10 for me to get a bus/taxi ride back home.

When I just started out, I was quite inexperienced and learned as I went along to more castings. For example, I remember when I was still unable to put on proper makeup so people would laugh at me. There was one particular casting session where the people in charge looked at me and questioned if I was even a model. They said, "Why do you look like you are from the (Chinese) opera?". But then, if I did not put on makeup, I would be told off for "not respecting the organiser". I have taken all of this in my stride, learned from it and endeavoured to do better. Going back to the example, due to my makeup inexperience, I would later enrol in a makeup school, and upon completing it, my makeup skills became so much better (more so than the rest because I learned from professionals!).



## Most people assume models lead very glamourous lives, yet as evident by your experiences, so much more happens beyond the runway. Do share your thoughts on this misconception.

I shared the same misconception before I pursued this career. A lot of people do not realise that there is a lot of preparation that has to be done beforehand. When you see a model on the runway for even 10 seconds, you may not realise that she has been preparing for this for days. Models have to undergo casting sessions, fittings, hair and makeup, all of which take a up a lot of hours. I have students in my academy who also assume that being a model would automatically amount to a glamourous lifestyle, so I always have to remind them that being a supermodel is not something that can be achieved in a day. It has taken me 19 years to reach the stage I am today, so yes, I can safely say that there is a lot of hard work and dedication that is demanded from this job, which is something most people overlook.

#### Proudest moment of your career?

The moment I stepped on a runway for the first time. I am very proud of that moment because it took a lot of years for me to get there, and it really was a dream come true. Another moment would be when I won the international title out of participants from 63 countries to become Guess Watches model. I realised then that we should never judge our abilities and limit ourselves doing from bigger things.

## What are your plans for 2017?

In terms of the academy, we are currently in the works of taking it up to another level as it is our goal for it to obtain the college status in the future. We have just finished renovations so I am hoping that we would be able to offer more classes and workshops soon enough.

I am also hoping that I would be able to spend more quality time with my family. I am still trying for a baby girl but for now, I would like to enjoy more moments with my son who has just started Primary 1.

#### What can we expect from Amber Chia in the future?

I always tell those around me that when I go to work, I still enjoy my job even after two decades. Even if I am 80 years old, and someone says I need to use a cane to get to work, I would still go for it because I am very passionate about what I do. I will still be very proud to be on that runway, even after 50 years or more. I do not see myself retiring any time soon. Of course, my priority is to my family and the academy, but I would continue to do what I love to do as long as I can.

## How do you feel about this year being your year (the year of the rooster?)

First of all I wish all the readers out there happy Chinese new year and stay healthy always, without health everything would be meaningless. I hope that in this year of Rooster, my fashion & beauty academy - Amber Chia Academy will do even better this year and continue to help those with a dream in the fashion & beauty industry. Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to share my favorite quote 'Never try never know', it is better to fail than to regret not trying.

# A FRALENTINE'S DAY

"A friend is one that knows you as you are, understands where you have been, accepts what you have become, and still, gently allows you to grow." -William Shakespeare

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



There are various kinds of love in this world; love for your parents, love for your spouse or other halves, and love for your friends. Although everyday should be Valentine's Day, you could take it as a fun excuse to show your friends you care and that you have them in your thoughts. Here are some ideas for different ways to celebrate Valentine's Day with friends. I hope they inspire you to pave your own unique experience.



## ANNUAL MOVIE DATE WITH YOUR FRIENDS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

My friends and I used to get together every February 14th to see a movie at one of our homes. What started as an excuse to bond (as we were single) has become a much awaited annual tradition. If you do not feel like heading out to watch a movie at the cinema, you can always stay home with your friends with a bottle of wine and a box of pizza while binging on some great TV series such as an old favourite, 'FRIENDS' or Grey's Anatomy. Binging with friends is more amusing than doing it alone.

## **GIVE BACK ON VALENTINE'S DAY**

Okay, I know some of you are thinking that it is an absurd idea on Valentine's Day but humour me. Since Valentine's Day is all about the celebration of love, why not do something significant with your friends, like spread the love to those in need? You could call up a local soup kitchen or community centre to give back to the community. Apart from that, volunteering is a pleasant way to meet new friends or to bond with the ones you have. Make it a tradition (so much better than flowers and candy). This is a particularly good idea if your friend has personal experience with a certain disease or cause. It shows your friend you are aware of what is close to their heart, and that you care about the things important to them.

## **HOST GAME NIGHT**

Everybody loves a good games night. It is probably the only fitting time to unleash the competitive kid in you. Break the norm by inviting a bunch of friends and their partners for a game night. Whip out your collection of Jengga, Monopoly or Twister with a side of wine and bruschetta. Believe me when I say that you will have the time of your life. Fill this Valentine's with love and laughter amongst friends. There's nothing quite like it.

## HOST A VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER PARTY WITH FRIENDS

Dinner parties are great when you have a large groups of friends and Valentine's Day is the perfect time to get your single and coupled up friends to congregate. Some couples may skip Valentine's Day, which works in your favour. Others on the other hand, some couples may want to pop in by you before heading out for a night on their own which is perfectly okay. Your single friends, meanwhile, will absolutely appreciate the opportunity to hang out and have fun on a day where they might be feeling especially lonely. Make it a potluck dinner and have everyone bring a fare to pass in the theme of Valentine's Day, such as all heart-shaped items or everything in the colours of red and pink (because why not?).

## MAKE IT A PAMPERING VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

This idea will especially be appreciated by girls. Forget your man and focus on your girlfriends this Valentine's Day with a Galentine's Day celebration (Good+Valentine=Galentine). Make your night all about pampering your body and nurturing your soul. This is especially important if you and your gal pals are in need of some R&R which is likely the case when you are an on-the-go cosmopolitan. Make your own face masks, bring out your nail kit, a bottle of wine and prepare a tub of ice cream with a couple of spoons and voila, you have yourself a cosy pampering session. Alternatively, you might want to check if a local spa can come to you. Home spa parties are one way to indulge in the comfort of your home. Treat your friends or have everyone chip in for the cost, and then enjoy.



## What to expect in the Year of the Fire Rooster

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

According to the Chinese calendar, 2017 is the year of the Rooster because it appears that the Rooster is the tenth animal on the zodiac. Each year is related to an animal sign according to a 12-year cycle. Years of the Rooster include 1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017 and 2029.

## RAT

You will be blessed by three auspicious stars in the year, namely Tianxi, Dijie and Taiyin, which will make the year not too bad. The overall luck in wealth will be neither good nor bad. Despite the fact of destructing Tai Sui, you will be blessed by three auspicious stars and you can make both ends meet, thus will not suffer serious financial loss.

## OX

Those born in the Year of the Ox will enjoy opportunities in academics, their career, romance and travel. For those who are single, it's a good time to meet a new romantic partner, while marriage or pregnancies are possible for those already in love.

## TIGER

Tigers are looking at a good year ahead, but only if they stay determined and focused on their commitments. There will be opportunities for love and travel, but there is also a risk of financial loss through impulse investments.

## RABBIT

Rabbit-born people are set to have a good year in romance, but their outlook for wealth, health and career isn't so great. Take great care in making risky investments, donate blood, or help out the sick, and be wary of changes in your workplace to fend off the possible bad luck you might encounter this year.

## DRAGON

It's looking to be a good year for Dragons, who are set to maintain peaceful personal relationships, as well as receive an increase in income and good career opportunities. Dragons should be cautious about their health, though, as a recurring minor illness may pose a greater threat.

## **SNAKE**

The Year of the Rooster will prove to be a good year for Snakes if they prioritise and plan well. If not, they may have bad luck in terms of finances, health, and career – don't spend beyond your means and be open to change. Snakes will, however, have much good luck in romance, as single Snakes will have many prospects and could even meet the right one next year.

## HORSE

Horses will be very busy this year, which won't give them much time to enjoy life. The year may bring conflict to romantic relationships and the Horse should be wary of health concerns too. Financially, work-related opportunities may arise, but Horses will also have to spend money to help a family member in need.

## SHEEP

Sheep will have their hands full with social events this 2017, which may be good for those who are single, but could lead to extra-marital affairs for those who aren't. In terms of money and career, there are opportunities for increases in income, but Sheep will also encounter unexpected problems at work, which will lead to stress. Remember to take some time off work to avoid any health issues.

## MONKEY

2017 will be a steady year for Monkeys, who can expect to have an active social life and stable income. Be patient and make practical decisions when it comes to your career and focus on paying off debts and saving for the future.

## ROOSTER

In their own year sign, Roosters can expect promotions at their place of work, so it wouldn't be wise to switch companies just yet. While there will be some financial gain for Roosters, they should be conscious of spending on things that aren't valuable.

## DOG

When it comes to relationships, Dogs will have great luck meeting new people. Work relationships will also flourish, as the Dog will meet new people who could eventually benefit him in the future.

## BOAR

Boars won't have a very good year, but 2017 will be much improved compared to 2016, especially as the year ends. In the Year of the Rooster, Boars will have difficulty in romance – there are possibilities of meeting new people, though Boars will have a hard time making a match. Boars will also be prone to illness next year and will suffer some sort of digestive disorder.





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## Hiranmayii Awli speaks to DARRENTEH

Meet Darren Teh, the lead singer and guitarist of pop-punk band, An Honest Mistake. Trained English teacher by day, and musician by night, he brings us music we can bob our head to with the intent of revolutionizing the music industry.

#### Tell us a bit about yourself.

I'm Darren, the lead singer and guitarist of pop-punk band, An Honest Mistake. I'm a trained English teacher and taught English for 6 years in a prestigious university. I also organise gigs and provide a platform for young bands to showcase and hone their craft. To stay healthy, I play basketball and frequent the gym. I've never liked dogs until a beautiful Schnauzer-Terrier appeared in front of my house in 2009; I took it in and she's been with me since. I still have my soft toys from when I was a kid, and they're all named.

## How did you get into the music line?

I started playing music when I was 14 but I really got into it when I was about 16. My brother was in a popular band in Malaysia and I used to follow him to his shows. That was how I I first got introduced to the amazing music scene that we have here in Malaysia. Soon after that, I took music a bit more seriously and joined a band when I turned 18. Never regretted a day of it.

## If you could pick one moment as the highlight of your musical career, what would it be?

July 2016. We played at the Ho Hai Yan Gongliao Rock Festival in Taiwan. It was a massive rock music fest by the beach with over 30k people rocking out with us and a few more bands from Asia. It was amazing, seeing everyone responding to our music. Plus, the excellent treatment on stage. The

sound was great. The lights were great. It was perfect.

Well, that and also playing in Korea and going back to our 2nd home for the 9th time, the Philippines last year. Not forgetting signing to Universal Music Malaysia as our record label.

One single moment... is just way too hard to choose. Probably one giant moment that lasted 8 years since we began in 2008.

#### Tell us a little bit about your upcoming musical projects.

We're releasing another single in the first quarter of the year and then releasing a remix album called 'An Honest Mixtape featuring some of the top electronic music producers in Malaysia and in the region. We're definitely working on another album for sure.

## What does your daily diet consist of?

A lot of meat and vegetables. I try to eat as healthy as I can but we're in Malaysia and there's just way too much good food waiting to be devoured. At the moment, I'm on a 'liquid diet'; one of those meal replacement go at it to see if it really works or if it's all a tad. protein shake-type things. I want to have a

#### What is your guilty pleasure when it comes to food?

Junk food. Chips and all of that. It's a double-



#### Three Malaysian food that you cannot live without are...

Chicken Rice, Nyonya Mee Goreng and Asam Laksa.

### Any food-related rituals before your performance?

Plain water. That's it. I usually don't eat anything before a performance and only drink water. Alcohol is a big no-no and milky drinks too because they'll disrupt your vocal cords and you can't sing. The after-show ritual is eat like a monster!

#### What do you do to keep yourself healthy/ looking good?

I play basketball twice a week and go to the gym as often as I can. Sleeping early and also leave-in hair conditioner does wonders to your hair

## And finally, what are your aspirations in life?

To be the king of the world. Not really. I'd really like to be a positive influence to first, our country, through the medium of music. Using music as a tool to spread love, joy, peace and hope. Music after all, is a universal language that breaks all barriers and knows no bounds. There's so much good music that deserve to be heard; so many good and talented artistes that need to be recognised. My aim is to make them known at an international level, representing Malaysia across the world.



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**DINING** IDEAS

# NIPPORI Pork-free A Japanese home-cooked fare

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Crispy Chicken Karaage



ippori is a humble town in a suburb of Tokyo, Japan with many small homely cafes. The owner (a local Japanese) of Nippori Café here in Empire Damansara fell in love with the simplistic concepts of the cafés in Nippori, Japan and voila, a humble eatery snugged away on the 1 st floor of Empire Damansara. Our journey to this restaurant was a confusing one; we walked around Empire Damansara for a good 10 minutes before locating it with the help of its owner, Mr Daichi. Nippori is the brand new sister restaurant of the popular Haraju Cube. This eatery is distinctive, with great potential and it is set to make its mark on the world with its offerings.

Just like the Japanese dramas and movies on TV, the facade of the restaurant screamed of an A-typical traditional Japanese restaurant, with a sliding door as an entrance. The interior of the restaurant is so cosy and simplistic. It's wooden accents on the walls and the floors exude the comfort of a Japanese home. Patrons can opt to be snug as a bug indoors, or choose to enjoy the breeze and the view of trees and the street, outdoors. If you dine indoor, you are required to remove your shoes (just like any Asian home) and make your way to an elevated platform with tables and cushions to take your seat. For a moment, we truly felt as if we were in Japan.

Upon taking our seats, the friendly staff welcomed us with a glass bottle of Japanese rice tea. The tea was unlike any other tea. It had hints of sesame and a coffee aftertaste. It is typically consumed during summer time in Japan when the weather is fiery hot. It is said to cool down the body and is a thirst quencher. When we asked the owner of Nippori on the underlying concept behind his restaurant, he related that he wanted a place that offers authentic Japanese home-cooked food; the kind of food that a mother whips up at home, for her family. That revelation certainly translated to their food. It is noteworthy that their food is fresh, contains no MSG and they do not use frozen ingredients of any kind.

The feast commenced with the Mentai Udon with Mini Karaage. Being their signature Udon, (Japanese wheat flour noodle) it comprises of a homemade dry Sanuki Udon with fish roe, egg yolk, seaweed, spring onion and a homemade sauce. It is served hot and in order to preserve the taste, it should be consumed immediately. If I could eat an Udon for the rest of my life, this would be it. The thick yet bouncy consistency of the noodle complemented by the aforementioned condiments made a finger licking good meal. Merely thinking back of it has got my stomach growling.

Still revelling in the glory that was the Mentai Udon, we moved on to try the Crispy Chicken Karaage. Apparently, Chicken Karaage is one of the most common Japanese home-cooked dish and we could see why. Nippori's signature Karaage is marinated for more than 24 hours for that burst of flavour. The chicken itself is succulent and juicy on the inside, yet crispy on the outside. As I love Japanese cuisine, the Chicken Kaarage is no stranger to me. That being said, the Chicken Karaage I tried at Nippori had a unique taste. It wasn't mere flour and chicken. Its aftertaste tasted a little spicy and savoury in whole.

No, it did not end there. A musttry dish at Nippori is their Saba with Yasai Oroshi. In layman's term, it is mackerel topped with sea salt or homemade Teriyaki sauce and is grilled to a crisp. In appearance, a Saba fish may look ordinary but the eating experience is different altogether. Its meat alone is savoury and when mixed with the Ponzu sauce, it brings the Saba fish to great heights of flavour. Apart from that, the Ponzu sauce is tangy and naturally, it is used with fish to cut the richness of taste and texture that the fish carries and balances it out. You won't be able to resist it.

Finally, the feast galore came to end with a presumably common dish but it was disguisingly a zealous contender. Don't let its appreance fool you. Nippori's Fried Fish with Homemade Tartar Sauce is a crispy, deep-fried white fish garnished with their secret tartar sauce that would make you fall in love. Unlike many other fried fish and tartar sauce, this dish gets to throw down the gauntlet for its originality and ingenuity. If you look closely, you can tell that the tartar sauce has mashed egg in it. Perhaps that, complemented by the crunchy fresh fish, it results in a full-flavoured mouth-watering fare you won't want to end.



# STICK ARTS

## HAPPINESS IN EVERY BITE

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ounded in 2012, Stick Arts serves up beautifully handcrafted gelato, yogurt and sorbet. It offers 38 different flavours using the best Italian ingredients and equipment. What's more, is that even with such a tall order to maintain consistency of a vast variety of delicious flavours, it does not resort to using artifical colours in order to preserve the quality of the experience in tasting true Italian flavours. Moving forward, Stick Arts has now positioned itself as a creative dining experience with the introduction of 50 handcrafted 3D Italian ice cream on a stick, 3D cakes, cake in a jar, hot chocolate on a spoon, truffles gift sets, macarons, Hello Kitty licensed flavour and the World's First 3D gelato flower bouquet.

In fact, it had just recently introduced the World's First and Only Chocolate Coated Gelato Flower Bouquet at the Chocolate Expo 2017. The glistening chocolate on the expertly handcrafted petals would surely win the heart of the recipient regardless of the occasion. Here are some reasons that you should definitely order the of 3D Gelato Flower in a Bouquet.

1. Valentine's Day is coming and the joy from enjoying this treat will last longer than real flowers.

2. For single people, this is a great present from you to you.

3. This will surely impress your key clients.






Each bouquet comes with a greeting card, gift decoration, ribbon, foam box and dry ice so it can last for several hours once it is ready. Even if you are a procrastinator, it only takes three days to prepare this thoughtful gift that will give a lasting memory. In fact, Stick Arts would welcome some specific request in order to make sure your gift fits the occasion.

In conjunction with Chap Goh Mei, Stick Arts has introduced the Mandarin Orange Sherbet that comes in an attractive



heart shape with a small orange piece shape in the middle. This new flavour was inspired by the tradition of throwing oranges into the sea by single ladies. It is without a doubt, the most popular and colourful moment in the history of Chap Goh Mei. It is believed that by throwing tangerines into the sea, these young girls would find themselves a good husband. Well, instead of throwing it and praying for love, biting into their new Mandarin Orange Sherbet comes as a better alternative. During our visit, we also got to sample the delectable new offering called the Fancy Ganache. It is a dreamlike combination of perfectly balanced saltiness, sweetness and crunchiness. Be sure to dig into it with your friends, family or loved one. Especially after a long week, there is just so much satisfaction from crushing the edible strawberry bowl that will leave an everlasting sweet memory.

Chef Kimora who is the talent behind all the unique creations from Stick Arts had a story to share from her working experience. She told us about a pair of newlyweds who came by the kiosk in Mines Shopping Centre. The wife is the biggest Hello Kitty fan, so much so the husband completely dreaded the point when she spotted the 3D Hello Kitty Gelato on display. He put up quite an argument that he didn't want her to buy it and he felt that it was too "girly" for him to be seen with the Hello Kitty and Dear Daniel (he did not know he was Hello Kitty's boyfriend) . Amid the heated argument, Chef Kimora could gauge that they had been having trouble finding their romantic spark for guite some time. To satisfy both parties, Chef Kimora suggested that the husband could go for the Teddy Bear design instead and he happily accepted. As they were seated, something perculiar happened. After snapping photos with her Hello Kitty 3D Gelato, the wife took her husband's Teddy Bear gelato and bit the head off. Stunned and angered, he demanded to know why and they got into another heated argument only to suddenly stop and laugh. Perplexed, Chef Kimora enquired only to find out that their first encounter was from him stealing and destroying her ice cream. She had waited for a long time for such an opportune moment to get her revenge only for it to bring back the spark of romance. This is just one of the many experiences that have occured at Stick Arts.

For you, we have collaborated with Stick Arts to share some exiciting offers that are valid throughout the month of February. By presenting a copy or simply saying "KL Lifestyle Magazine" you are eligible to enjoy Buy 1 Free 1 on any of the Pralines Box Sets and Buy 2 Free 1 Eggnette Set. Also, exclusively for you to enjoy free delivery in the Klang Valley for any order of the 3D Gelato Flower in a Bouquet. Simply place your order over the phone!













# **GRAVY BABY**

### Lights, Camera, Pie!

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

eorge Bernard Shaw once said that there is no sincerer love than the love for food. Speaking of the love for food, there is a culinary destination amidst the humble neighbourhood of Taman Desa, that will sweep you off your feet and that is the Gravy Baby restaurant. Gravy Baby is one of those places that screams out to you. It's Hollywood-esque façade is alluring and captivating to say the least. As stated on its massive eye-catching signage, this eatery is famous for its pies amongst other things, which is evident by its diverse and extensive menu.

Stepping into the interior of Gravy Baby transports you to a movie set where the chairs are akin to a director or actor's chair, a display counter showcasing their pastries and a lighted make-up mirror adorns the brick wall, emitting an organic and rustic vibe. The interior of this establishment exudes a contemporary feel with a nod to the past, accompanied by upbeat yet soothing tunes of the past and present. To top it off, all Gravy Baby outlets (three in total) incorporate a theatrical-like open kitchen where patrons are able to witness the magic in the making as well as the antics that goes on in the kitchen.

And now, to the food. Let us start by saying that all ingredients that go into the drinks and food are made fresh on a daily basis. The genius behind the kitchen is a former chef of the Army and Navy Club, Chef Paul Elliott. Having tried their house specialty, we now comprehend why Gravy Baby is famous for their pies. The Lamb Shepherd's Pie is in a class of its own. It comes with a side of mashed potato and minted mushy peas, a classic English dish. I especially loved the shortcrust of this dish for its soft consistency and the juices from the tender succulent lamb meat. The mashed potato was absolutely divine. We shamelessly dug in and couldn't (or wouldn't) stop. One does not need to fly to England to try this classic fare.

Another highlight for us was the Spicy Lobster T.L.T. It comprised fresh lobster tails, sliced turkey, tomato and lettuce served on a buttery brioche bun with homemade spicy gherkin dressing and panko breadcrumbs, and comes with a side of homemade chips. This dish oozed with piquant flavours from the thick chunks of lobster, crisp to the toast bun and the spicy Gherkin sauce that went well with each other like peanut butter and jelly.

The gluttony continued with the Marinara Pizza consisting of a rich homemade tomato sauce topped with tuna, red onion, oregano, cherry tomatoes, jalapenos, chilli and finished off with mozzarella cheese. Being a pizza lover, this was just heaven for me. My hands kept reaching out to grab slices of the pizza to the point that I had to stop myself. As Chef Paul was explaining the ingredients that went into the pizza, one could see the glimmer of passion in his eyes. Having granted the access to take a tour of the kitchen, we could see the mount of dedication and passion that goes into creating one single dish and that, we believe makes a world of a difference.

As for desserts, we recommend trying Chocolate Ganache Waffle. It was the most decadent dessert I had ever seen. It was basically heaps of waffle, topped off with a generous amount of chocolate ganache, assorted nuts and whipped cream. Another must-try is the Chocolate Raspberry Bianco. It was easy on the eyes as well as our mouths. The cake just melted in our mouths like a dream. When you slice it, you will be able to see beautiful layers of white sponge cake and raspberry puree.

To guench down all the delectable offerings, we tried the hibiscus and cucumber lemonade as well the basil lemonade. It was so refreshing and soothing, given the weather in Malaysia. The mastermind behind the deliciously exotic drinks and cocktails is a French mixologist, Tony Comas, who flew to KL from a stint in Buenos Aires. He also offered us two cocktails named, the Smoking Grass and Baby Bouquet. The Smoking Grass comprised bourbon, ginger beer, honey and lemongrass smoke. It had a spicy but interesting aftertaste. Baby Bouquet, on the other hand, was made up of gin, white cacao, lemon and lavender. Conclusively, Gravy Baby offers more than just food; it offers an experience.

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# TIMIS @ TEAK 5

# Where Food is Cooked with Love

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

t is no secret that Solaris Dutamas is a foodie destination but what we've recently discovered is a special dining spot that deserves to be put on the spotlight. We ventured to Tumis @ Teak 5 which is a homely restaurant that features dishes akin to eating at a loving family home. Truth be told, this is the kind of place that you can only truly appreciate once you are seated because amid the dining offerings in Solaris Dutamas, the exterior of Tumis @ Teak 5 does not quite stand out as much as the entire experience, from food to service.

Most who do know this restaurant are nearby office employees, regular shoppers and elites who enjoy the Nasi Padang (Padang steamed rice served with various choices of pre-cooked dishes that originated from Padang city, the capital of West Sumatera) that is served during lunchtime starting from 11.30am.

One key highlight of the dining experience at Tumis is their spicy dishes which are utterly divine but equally dangerous if you can't handle the spice. For instance, their Nasi Padang pre-cooked dishes include Ayam Lemak Chili Padi, Daging Maut, Asam Pedas Ikan Pari, Gulai Tenggiri, Begedel, Ayam Dara, Ikan Keli Goreng Berempah and fresh vegetables.

The Daging Maut (Beef of Death) is deadly to someone who enjoys the taste of Daging Masak Kicap (Spicy Soy Sauce Beef) which is not remotely as spicy as the Daging Maut but should you appreciate the spicier things in life, this dish is heavenly. Kak Yani, who runs the restaurant together with her husband tells us that this dish was inspired by her customer who requested for an extremely spicy dish to be the punishment for someone who lost a bet in the office. We are pretty sure that there would be deliberate losing just to have a reason to enjoy the Daging Maut dish. For an equally spicy option, you can even enjoy the Nasi Ayam Melecur (Scalded Chicken Rice).

Staying true to the welcoming ambience and nostalgic experience, you will find a functional jukebox in the middle of the restaurant that actually plays old Malaysian classic music from P.Ramlee, The Beatles or Top Chart 70's Hits that further enhances the whole dining scene. "I want people to eat with satisfaction," said Kak Yani, who we found to be as vibrant and fiery as the food she serves up.

Even the a la carte menu is not simply one main dish with rice but Kak Yani takes into consideration that a dish should be comprehensive and so for instance, if you were to order the Nasi Ayam Melecur, you would find that there would be an omellete that is much like the kind in a homecooked meal with some fried fish crackers to balance out the heat. What we love most is that Kak Yani is the kind of woman who can remember her customers just as much as her customers remember her. This is something that is so rare to find in the ostentatious food scene in Malaysia. Overall, we would conclude that Tumis @ Teak 5 is truly the embodiment of a Malaysian experience through hospitality, sincerity and bonding over the love of food.



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I don't know about you but Pan Mee is one of my favourite local delights. There's just something about the bouncy soft noodles complemented by the chilli and other condiments that just make us exhale in utter contentment. In that respect, we took the liberty to list down the 5 best Pan Mee in town.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



### **RESTAURANT SUPER KITCHEN**

If you are from KL or PJ, Pan Mee is synonymous with Super Kitchen Restaurant. This restaurant has been sprouting around KL like mushrooms, to the extent of recently opening a branch in Singapore. The pioneer shop in Kepong still operates to date and it stands as one of the busiest branches of the six. Super Kitchen spoils its patrons with its variety of Pan Mee preparations to choose from. If you can't decide between the traditional soup and chilli Pan Mee, you can dig into their curry version of this dish. The Super Kitchen restaurant gain loyal customers with their offering of thick and firm noodles that are prepared upon ordering. As for the secret behind their homemade chilli, they are keeping it well within their family since the restaurant's inception.

42, Jalan SS2/10, Taman Bahagia, 47000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

### **RESTAURANT KIN KIN**

Kin Kin Restaurant is known by many as the original chilli Pan Mee of KL. This humble eatery still maintains its old shoplot in Chow Kit, facing what is now Quill City Mall. There are many reasons why people flock to get a taste of Kin Kin's Pan Mee and we now understand why. They offer springy noodles to the touch, flaky and spicy chilli and freshly fried crunchy ikan bilis. In addition, a bowl of the dry chilli Pan Mee is accompanied by a 'sayur manis' egg soup. These elements complement each other so deliciously that you will instinctively order another bowl. We did the same. Kin Kin Restaurant is spreading the love of its Pan Mee by opening a new chain in Pandan Indah.

40, Jalan Dewan Sultan Sulaiman, 50300 Kampung Baru, Kuala Lumpur



### SPECIAL SMOOTH PAN MEE @ FA KEE RESTAURANT, PUCHONG

If you live in Puchong, you must be well acquainted with Uncle Chan's special smooth Pan Mee. It has been making a name for itself for the past eight years as one of the best in town. What makes Uncle Chan's special smooth Pan Mee distinct is its handmade noodles and the passion that goes into making it. Patrons can opt for the dry or the soup Pan Mee. The broth of the Pan Mee is a special blend of pork bones and anchovies. This is then garnished with minced and sliced pork, sliced shiitake mushroom, fried beancurd, anchovies, and a choice of either lettuce or 'sayur manis'. We just love how generous and distinct the Pan Mee soup is. The dry version is Pan Mee coated in black soya sauce, oyster sauce, and some lard with a healthy topping of minced pork to keep you satiated throughout the day.

80 Jalan TK1/1, Taman Kinrara, 47180 Puchong, Selangor





### RON SHU XIA PAN MEE @ CHAN SOW LIN

This hidden gem was a tough one to find. Located in Jalan Dua between Jalan Sungai Besi and Jalan Chan Sow Lin, Ron Shu Xia Pan Mee is a serious contender in the business. The name of this eatery is defined as 'Pan Mee under the ficus tree'. Everything good lies under a tree apparently. This Pan Mee definitely did not disappoint. Aside from the usual Pan Mee offerings, we were blown away by their special XO Pan Mee served with a saucer of XO paste on the side to stir in with the vegetables, including sliced black fungus. You can also choose between a thin or torn Pan Mee noodle. This dish blew our socks off with its spiciness and its piquancy of flavours.

Jalan Dua, Chan Sow Lin, 55200 Kuala Lumpur



# STALL NO. 12 @ SS2 PJ WAI SEK KAI

Located in the food haven that is SS2, stall no. 12 at the SS2, Petaling Jaya 'glutton street' does not only offer soup and dry Pan Mee variations, but also curry. You have a choice between noodle strands or torn pieces for your Pan Mee. The curry version comes with curry chicken. However, the great thing is that you can substitute the meat for other usual Pan Mee condiments such as fishballs. This curry Pan Mee is flavourful and addictive. A definite keeper in our books.

Medan Selera Wai Sek Kai, Jalan SS 2/62, 47300 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

# Damansara Kim

## Foodie Neighbourhood Non-halal

It would be a crying shame if foodies have not made their way to the F&B scene in Damansara Kim. It is quite unassuming given that it is a neighbourhood area but there are vast developments at the different cafes and restaurants that have their own unique flavours and ambience to offer. However, should you be a stranger to this area, fret no more as we have checked out some of the must-try culinary offerings in the area for your upcoming visit.

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

# DEEP FRIED BARRAMUNDI (SIAKAP) FISH FILLET FISH HEAD MEE HOON

Unlike most Chinese restaurants, this particular place does not serve food that uses MSG but delivers flavours that would make you believe the dishes are homecooked. The restaurant, which opened in 2014, is famous for its homemade traditional Teochew-style fish head noodle. The broth is served with the juicy texture of saltwater barramundi or known locally as 'siakap'. The broth tasted thin at the first sip but as we continued to drink on, the aroma of milk and sweet essence of the broth started to develop in the palate. One spoonful of noodles and one spoonful of soup, one bite of soft fish fillet, followed a tangy munch of preserved vegetable and tomato slices in between. Each ingredient comes to a good match. Empty the entire bowl of broth if you wish to. Don't worry, you won't be feeling thirsty after that.

Mr Fish Fish Head Noodle 45, Jalan SS 20/11, Damansara Kim, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

# PAPA YONG'S SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE

Ever wanted to just go back to simpler times where you could simply enjoy playing Lat Tali Lat during recess or even just waiting out a long day? Well, there is now such a place that can transport you (figuratively) back to that time not only by the kind of ambience it offers but also by the food that is served. Lat Tali Lat is Damansara Kim's latest addition to the F&B scene. While waiting for your meal, you and your friends can enjoy some old school games or if you happen to be flying solo, there is an adorable hamster that can join you for dinner. Papa Yong's Spaghetti Bolognese brings back memories from high school when we used to take the longer way home and play at the playground only to build up an appetite for the comforting homecooked food that awaited us at home. So if you have not gotten your dosage of nostalgia, you know where you need to go.

Lat Tali Lat Cafe 73, Jalan SS20/11, Damansara Kim, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor







## **POACHED FISH WITH BUTTER**

This dish is served with green apple salad and delicious asam pedas sauce. We recommend pairing it with their Coastline Chardonnay. We were quite taken with the approach of adding a modern twist to traditional flavours. Moreover, Kompassion has a fasinating menu that features fusion dishes that primarily focus on authenthic Thai flavours while adopting influences from as far as Japan, South Korea and Italy. Should you have a sweet craving, the Pandon Gelato with Mango Sticky Rice is a lovely treat that you can share with that special someone.

#### Kompassion @ Damansara Kim No 5. Jalan SS20/11, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor



# **FRIED CHICKEN**

Table & Kitchen was formerly known as The Kitchen Table back in 2014. The revamped outlet now includes not only the all-day dining experience but there is also upstairs dining for more private affairs such as dinner parties or more resplendent dining options featuring contemporary and refined cooking. Want to impress a girl? Bring her here for a brunch date! But do make reservations because the weekend brunch crowd is definitely not to be underestimated. Alternatively, you can book the more intimate option at the upstairs dining area.

Table & Apron 23 Jalan SS 20/11, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

# **TEATIME TRYST**

## Luxury Afternoon Tea Spots in Kuala Lumpur

Back in the 1840s, the Duchess of Bedford, Anna Maria Russel experienced 'hunger pangs' while waiting for meals between lunch and dinner time. To solve this, she decided to prepare a tray of tea, bread and butter and cake to enjoy. She shared this experience with her friends and it has progressed to what we've all come to recognise as afternoon tea. Contrary to popular belief, afternoon tea is completely different from high tea. During an afternoon tea, scones, macarons, sweet offerings and sandwiches are served while more hearty meals are served during high tea. On that note, we have prepared a list of your next go-to spots for an exqusite afternoon tea experience.

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL



#### MALAYSIAN AND CLASSIC AFTERNOON TEA

The very idea of going to Shangri-La Hotel invokes excitement, beit for a stay or dining in at their elegant restaurants. An afternoon tea at the Lobby Lounge is definitely not an exception. We enjoyed the lush greenery from the garden view and sweet

indulgences that were perfectly arranged on the three-tier tray. Looking back, it felt like a picturesque moment. For their Classic

Afternoon Tea set, savoury options include avocado with shrimp

cocktail salad in choux puff, wood smoked salmon tartar in cone and tuna roll sandwich with wasabi mayo. If you can handle more decadent flavours, you definitely would want to sample the assortment of mont blanc, raspberry cheese cake, pure caraibe chocolate and orange melange, granny smith apple crostata, hazelnut gianduja macaron and apricot butter sable. Additionally, you can even enjoy delicious classic scones and sultana raisin scones with strawberry, apricot jam and mascarpone cream. Alternatively, you can enjoy the best of local delicacies with the Malaysian Afternoon Tea. We will never soon forget the experience of delighting our palates with the kuih talam keladi, kosui gula melaka and ondeh-ondeh which are just a few of the many highlights of their Malaysian Afternoon Tea set. Tropical fruits, coffee or tea completes are served with both sets.

Served from 3PM-6PM, Monday – Sunday

Shangri-La Hotel Kuala Lumpur 11, Jalan Sultan Ismail, Bukit Bintang, 50250 Kuala Lumpur Tel: 03 2074 3900



#### TRADITIONAL AND CONTEMPORARY AFTERNOON TEA

Just because you don't have a reason to stay at one of the Ritz Carlton hotels, it doesn't mean you should be deprived of the true Ritz style hospitality. In the upcoming lightheared celebration of Valentine's Day, you and your loved one can enjoy the plush and lush cushions at the lobby lounge while indulging in an array of sweet treats and sipping premium tea or coffee. To further the experience of enjoying fine teas, freshly baked scones, petite gourmet sandwiches, quiches, pies and dessert, the ambience is enhanced with the quartet that plays soothing melodies. Be sure to make your reservations in advance because a place this sophisticated and elegant would draw many patrons and it would be a shame to miss out on such an exquisite experience.

> The Lobby Lounge The Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur 168 Jalan Imbi, 55100 Kuala Lumpur + 60 3 2142 8000

#### FORTUNE TEA SET

Staying true to the reputation of TWG (Total Wellness Group), the afternoon tea served features premium desserts accompanied by the finest teas of the world. Their teas are served in hand-sewn teabags and come in a wide variety of flavours. They are also well-known for their fine selection of unique tea-based macarons with a crunchy shell and a meltin-your-mouth interior. The Fortune Tea Set which comes with a warm toasted sandwich of your choice, scones/muffins served with TWG tea jelly and whipped cream, macaroons and a pot of tea. My inner child who dreamed to have an elegant tea party like a princess was completely taken away with the luxurious treat at TWG. Imagine having tea served in an 18k gold-plated teapot that keeps the tea warm and at the perfect temperature so that you can sip at your own pace.

#### TWG Tea Pavilion, 168 Jalan Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur Tel: +60 3-2142 9922





#### THE ROYAL ENGLISH AFTERNOON TEA

There's nothing like a warm cup of tea, good company, and some lovely gourmet cakes on a peaceful afternoon. Within the city centre, just next to KLCC, Mandarin Oriental offers a delectable afternoon tea set called 'The Royal English Afternoon Tea'. The tea set comprises scones, fruit tart, marbled cheesecake, Dundee cake, sandwiches, lemon macaroon, orange madeleine, raspberry mile feuille and Cambridge burnt cream. This is a quintessential location to enjoy an afternoon tea within the city centre so be sure to set a date with your girl friends and book an afternoon tea session quick!

#### Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur Kuala Lumpur City Centre, 50088 Kuala Lumpur Tel: +60 3-2380 8888

# **AD BAR** Find it and See your Spirits Lifted

Spicy Witch

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

Anno Domini, or in short AD Bar, is the new fancy addition to Bangsar's nightlife scene that has much to offer its patrons (if they can find it). Picture an elegant tavern where you can enjoy the comfort of spacious seatings away from the hustle and bustle of the Telawi streets. The only tip we can offer to find this establishment is to follow the dark stairs up where you would find a long glass window on your right-hand side and on your left, a big wooden door that could easily be mistaken for the entry point. We recommend to pay close attention to the painting between the curtains that will lead you to an unnerving fireplace that depicts the darker side of the medieval theme. Although slightly eerie, we were drawn to the décor and as we made our way to our seats, it became a topic of discussion. There is nothing we would want to change about the décor here. Everything was placed right where it belonged from candles to prison-like bars that simply added more intrigue and intensity to the ambience. We perused the menu and as medieval enthuthiasts ourselves, each cocktail teased our curiosity since it has been sectioned according to tasting notes.





# REVIVE YOUR SPIRIT WITH THE DANCING APE

In all honesty, I have never truly enjoyed the flavours of assam boi till I had this cocktail that had assam boi-infused tequila, pineapple and lime juice. Not only was it refreshing but the impeccable balance of alcohol and the sourness of the assam boi paired with the sweetness of pineapple made for a drink that could instantly bring a smile to my face.

#### **GENIE POP, A FUN SURPRISE!**

I'll admit that there isn't a chance for such a drink to exist in the medieval period but if it did, the bartender would definitely get away for creating such a magical drink. Who knew that combining the intense flavour of grapefruit juice with the sweetness of raspberry and thick consistency of egg white would result in a drink that offers a refreshing twist of fruity notes. You can choose to enjoy the pop candy before and after the drink without discounting the fun in the least.

#### TASTE A TWIST WITH SPICY WITCH

In the grand scale of cocktails, I would place this drink on the stronger and more adventurous spectrum. Before I get to the flavour, I'd like to take a moment to simply admire the design of the cup that captures the essence of the drink. We dare you to drink from the claw chalice of the Spicy Witch that contains lemongrass-infused vodka, ginger, honey, lime and black pepper. A sip of this would make you feel pretty bold and powerful which also sums up the flavours of the drink.

#### GOLDEN LEAF

From the sounds of its name, this drink sounds like a name of an ancient artefact that could breathe life to lost souls. This would be accurate given the sweet and refreshing taste of the pandan-infused rum, bourbon, coconut water and gula melaka. Having this drink felt like a reward or a prize after a long and difficult quest. So reward yourself with a glass or two.

# DRAGONS BREATH TO INSPIRE COURAGE

A true knight to remember (excuse the pun), simply won't do without a glass of Dragon's Breath. It is a concoction that uses blended scotch, spiced rum that is balanced out with gula melakaabd smoked minnamon to add different dimensions of flavours yet keeping an acceptable level of intensity with the orange bitters. Be warned, it is quite potent but should you feel up to the challenge, drink and be merry.

#### THE SLAYER (AN OFF-MENU COCKTAIL)

Staying true to the embodiment of a medieval tavern, we were offered the opportunity to request a specially made drink based on our preferred tasting notes and base poison of choice (liquor) . This drink is definitely not for the faint-hearted with its use of jalapeno rum and Monkey Shoulders whiskey. Despite its unique ingredients and nature of the drink, it was marvellous in every aspect as the intense flavours danced around my mouth like a celebration.

Other must-try options include the creamy Yeti Cup that is much like an Adult Milkshake that is presented in a macabre cup that invokes the spirit of your inner child to come out and have fun. For a lighter option, the Fairy's Tears is a visually stunning drink that tastes as good as it looks. We were especially enchanted by the change of the blue pea to a gorgeous purple hue once it was mixed together with the vodka and sparkling wine with elderflower, and lychee liquor.

The February promotions include the promotional cocktail that starts at RM 20 and with the purchase of 3 pints of Beer for only RM60, you can get a surprise cocktail. By the way, you can enjoy a 10% off the bill by mentioning KL Lifestyle Magazine to the waiter. It is not applicable with ongoing promotions and is valid till 1st April 2017. Sip Sip Hooray!

21A, First Floor, Jalan Telawi 3, Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2201-7979 Mon, Wed-Thurs, 5pm-1am; Fri-Sat, 5pm-3am; Sun, 4pm-12am.





RULIN CHEONGSAM COLOUR : RED / BLACK SIZE : XS - XL PRICE : RM259.90

Now this is a timeless piece with elegant motifs at the top that encourage minimal use of accessories. It has all the elements that are emphazied on during the festive season, but it is has a versatile design that can be worn on any occasion.

XIAOYUE CHEONGSAM COLOUR : DENIM (BLUE) SIZE : XS - XL PRICE : RM239.90

This piece is utterly stunning and the beautiful floral embroidery on the denim fabric adds just the right amount of attention while maintaining sophistication in true oriental fashion.

# Be Cover Girl Ready with MAX TINO'S SPRING COLLECTION

Featuring Supermodel, Amber Chia

#### **FEATURES**

#### ROWENA BLOUSE COLOUR : WHITE / BLACK SIZE : XS – XXL

Bold design and delicate fabric make this particular piece stand out as the embodiment of true feminity. Steal all the attention at your next tea party with this top.





KORA BLOUSE SIZE : XS - XL COLOUR : LIGHT PINK / RED PRICE : RM159.90

A vision of grace and style, this piece has successfully combined minimalism with abstract design. It does call for attention but in a demure and chic manner which would make this an ideal armour for a women in charge.

> LILAH TOP COLOUR : DARK GREEN SIZES : XS - XL PRICE : RM149.90

Flaunt your inner vixen with this Lilah Top, the green pretty much describes the feeling of seeing any other women wearing this if not you.



CUTLER AND GROSS Cat-eye acetate and rose gold-tone sunglasses RM1,948



**SENSI STUDIO** Off-the-shoulder embroidered crinkled-cotton mini dress RM1,266



**ISABEL MARANT** Set of five gold-tone rings RM251

# FOR HER LAZY SUNDAY

Dress down with this warm-toned brown



**CHLOÉ** Drew small textured-leather shoulder bag RM8,764





OUR LEGACY Linen and Cotton-Blend Shorts RM888.25



PRADA Square-Frame Rubberised-Acetate Mirrored Sunglasses RM1,061.18



BRAUN BN0095 Rubber and Stainless Steel Watch RM2,449.29

# FOR HIS LAZY SUNDAY

An inspired ensemble to look your best with minimal effort

> ORLEBAR BROWN Ridley Open-Collar Striped Linen Shirt RM814.23



**PRADA** Saffiano Leather Billford Wallet RM1,497.40





HIS and HER's day to night jaw-dropping ensemble



# Put a Ribbon on it

### Gift Ideas for HIM & HER for Valentine's

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

#### FLORIS LONDON GENTLEMAN FLORIS NO.89 GROOMING COLLECTION RM319.11

Ladies, men need grooming as much as we do. Gift your ma the perfect gift this Valentine's with this gem. Infused with a captivating citrus-woody blend, 'The Gentleman Floris' collection will slot seamlessly into his morning regimen. This set comes packaged in a handsome presentation box. The face wash is designed to gently foam and wash away impurities, while the soothing shaving cream is formulated with aloe vera and chamomile to calm and condition skin. Finally, the hydrating moisturiser rounds up the routine.

#### TOM FORU BEAULT

#### NOIR EAU DE PARFUM - BERGAMOT, BLACK PEPPER & NUTMEG, 100ML RM417.10

Every lady loves a good-smelling gentleman. This gift is truly for the both of you. Tom Ford's 'Noir' Eau de Parfum is subtle yet distinctive. It exudes warm notes of Italian bergamot, black pepper and patchouli, which are balanced with warm vanilla, amber and nutmeg. It is essentially a musky and spicy perfume that your partner would appreciate.

#### CZECH & SPEAKE

#### OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SHAVING SET AND STAND RM1,840.27

A gentleman always shaves. You can be sure that your gentleman does too with this practical yet luxurious gift. This Czech & Speake kit has been made in England using weighty silver metal and contains everything your other half needs for a stylish shave. Presented in a branded box, it makes an ideal gift from the heart.

#### THIS WORKS ENERGY BANK BATH OIL, 100ML RM478

This is a befitting and tactful Valentine's gift idea for your girlfriend. Why you ask? This is because every time your other half unwinds after a long hard day with this Energy Bank Bath Oil, she would have you in her mind. Talk about being romantic. This body oil boosts the mind, body and senses by balancing geranium, stimulating bergamot and tension-relieving ylang ylang. This moodenhancing formula will leave skin feeling nourished, soft and smooth whilst filling your bathroom with its uplifting scent.

#### CHARLOTTE TILBURY THE GOLDEN GODDESS RM978

Guys, just a pointer, you can never go wrong with anything makeup. This Charlotte Tilbury 'The Golden Goddess' set will make your girl look like a goddess of the Sun. It is a perfected beach beauty. This make-up look exudes radiance, sultry and sun-kissed skin, ideal for Malaysia's tropical weather or for a trip to Bali.



#### JABONERIA MARIANELLA TINTARELLA DI LUNA GIFT SET RM388

Pampering your loved one is paramount. Perform this simple deed by gifting her the Jaboneria Marianella's luxurious face and body products this Valentine's. These products are designed to be as stylish for the bath as they are beneficial to the skin. Infused with Moroccan fig, bergamot and citrus accords, this 'Tintarella Di Luna' set includes an antioxidant face soap, body wash and a creamy body milk.

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# ANAGEN HAIR STUDIO

# On the cutting edge of hair care

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH

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ore often that not, the health of our hair is overlooked in the pursuit of keeping up with the latest trend of hair styles and hair colours. Recognising this discrepancy, Anagen Hair Studio utilises a range of natural products with herbal ingredients that are carefully selected to suit each of their customers' needs. The name Anagen itself is a testimony to their philosophy of natural haircare, as it means active growth

phase of hair follicles. With all this in mind, a few of us decided to drop by this hair studio located at Damansara Intan, Petaling Jaya.

Upon entering their spacious establishment, my colleagues and I were immediately struck by the opulence of the interior space. The floor-to-ceiling windows induced a sunkissed setting as it brought in much light into the well-designed hair salon. According to its founder, Tengku Puan Sri tengku Puteri Rosmawin' Abdullah, Anagen Hair Studio was designed to reflect the aesthetics of the classic English period. This Elizabethan design is manifested in the various white grandeur mirrors, velvet drapings, framed masquerade masks on the wall and even a chandelier.

The man of the hour, Derek Tan is in charge of running the salon and acts as lead hairdresser. He carefully consulted us on the best hairstyle and hair colour to suit our individual face shape and preferences. I am particularly averse to hairstylists due to previous nightmare experiences in other hair salons. However, I trusted Derek as it was immediately apparent that he is the most competent man for the task. Even though there were four of us, Derek still managed to add his personal touch on each of us by carefully delegating the tasks among himself and his other hairdressers.

Reassured by Derek's authority and expertise, we proceeded with our respective transformations. For Mila, Derek suggested a two-tone colour procedure. An ashy-brown colour was chosen as it would best complement her light caramel skin tone and make her skin appear brighter. On the other hand, Amir wanted to replicate the look of K-Pop idols, therefore he underwent a relaxing to soften his tight curls and added a touch of a natural brown colour to his hair. According to Derek, this would make his hair more manageable, thus making it easier for Amir to style his hair in future.

As for myself, I was initially skeptical of what could be done as I was still growing my short hair. However, Derek exerted his hairdressing prowess once again when he recommended I undergo a relaxing to tame my frizzy hair, followed by a bob haircut that would better complement my small and slim face. Finally, Lydia opted to colour her hair golden-brown and add in Korean 4D hair extensions. Derek explained that the extensions would add more bounce and volume to Lydia's hair as she has fine hair. These hair extensions are made from real human hair and dyed on the spot to match the customer's hair colour to ensure an effortless disguise.

Throughout our respective procedures, Derek and his hairdressers constantly checked on us to ensure we were comfortable and happy with the direction of the hairstyle. This lovely atmosphere was further amplified by the assurance that our scalps were being treated with the best ingredients. Aligned with Anagen's dedication to using safe and natural ingredients, our scalps were treated with various Mielle Professional products that hail from Korea. I was convinced by Mielle's effectiveness by the fact that my hair did not smell of harsh chemicals, as it normally would in other hair salons.

Overall, our experience at this hair studio summed up the essence of Anagen. We were greeted by a friendly and professional team of hairdressers that were led expertly by Derek, who strived to provide us with excellent service. Anagen founder, Puan Sri Tengku Puteri Rosmawin' Abdullah shared, "I want Anagen to be a convenient one-stop centre for customers who are looking for a quality and natural approach to scalp and hair care". True to her words, we received this and much more. She hopes to expand the Anagen business in future, but for now, you can visit them at Damansara Intan or their sister outlet at Publika.



# NAILS STUDIO

# Nailed it!

BY ROSHINEE MOOKAIAH

manicure and pedicure needs. She provides the standard services associated with a nail studio, inclusive of classic, gel, spa and nail extension treatments. However, her true speciality is nail art. Nail art has become a viral art form by itself in recent times (just coarch up this backtag on Instagram to be opticalled

(just search up this hashtag on Instagram to be enthralled for hours) and Jessica has been quick to jump on the bandwagon. She keeps herself updated on the latest trends in the nail art world, which enables her to create beautiful and unique designs that are customised to fit each of her customer's specific aesthetic needs.

approachable, she always strives to fulfil and surpass her customer's expectation. So rest assured, when you do step into this nail studio, you are promised the most dedicated

As the resident nail artist, Jessica caters to a variety of

one-on-one service from the very best.

JC Nails Studio, located at Dataran Ara Damansara is run independently by Jessica Wong. Jessica who has been in the industry for seven years now, emphasises quality and creativity in her work. Ever humble and

Customise your nail art with detachable flowers for a unique aesthetic



Jessica Wong, manicurist and founder of MJC nails Studio

At MJC Nails Studio, she caters to her customer's variety of demands, but the most common request, according to Jessica, is for her to design something with some 'bling' thrown in. She happily obliges to these requests and this is evident in her ability to skillfully use Swarovski stones in her nail designs, which have become a favourite among her customers.

If that is not impressive enough, take a look at one of the nail art which she designed for our manager here at KL lifestyle. Although you may not notice it at first glance, those pretty little cloth flowers are detachable! With the aid of mini magnets, you can easily replace them with another flower charm which may complement your look better. Hey, if you can mix and match your attire every day, why not do the same with your nails too, right?

At MJC Nails Studio, Jessica strives to ensure that you leave her premises completely satisfied. If you already have a design in mind, simply explain it to her or better yet, show it (Pro tip: Look up nail art on Pinterest too when you are done with #nailsofinstragram). Or



Marbled nail art with gold borders adds a touch of class to any look

perhaps you are planning to get a manicure done specially for an upcoming event, if so, all you have got to do is inform her of the type/colour of your outfit, and Jessica will advise you on what nail art would best suit it.

So, whether you are currently scouting for the right manicurist for your next big event or just looking for an opportunity to pamper yourself silly, Jessica may be able to help. She accepts walk-ins, but priority is given to those with prior appointments.

BIK-C-G-17, Jalan PJU 1A/20B, Dataran Ara Damansara, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Opening Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 11am - 7pm, Closed on Monday. Tel: 012-331 3440 (Jessica) Facebook: MJCNailsStudio





# Should you love yourself better with it, go ahead

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

n this cutting-edge contemporary world we are living in, there are many facets of beauty, one of the facets being breast augmentation. Breast augmentation has become increasingly popular of late. It is a surgical procedure involving the placement of breast implants to increase fullness and to improve symmetry of the breasts, or to restore breast volume lost after weight reduction or pregnancy. There are kaleidoscopes of reasons that drive most women to get breast augmentation and the most common is in the name of beauty. Aesthetics should not be the driving power for you to alter yourself. Love yourself for who you are because you are fine and beautiful, flaws and all. However, should you love yourself better after this procedure then by all means, go ahead. Audrey Hepburn once said that the beauty of a woman must be seen from her own eyes because that is the doorway to her heart, where love resides.

Here's a breakdown of things you should know before getting a breast augmentation:

# Your first breast surgery probably won't be your last.

Note that 25 percent of women will need another surgery after 10 years down the road because implants don't last forever. What could eventually happen is that the implant could begin to leak or a scar shell could form around it, deforming the shape and causing a need for a new implant. There are other factors involved that could lead to having another surgery after a couple of years, such as, weight loss, pregnancy, and change in preference.

#### It will cost you an astronomical amount.

The price of the surgery varies from RM12,000 to RM20,000, depending on the hospital and the plastic surgeon. On the average, the cost of having your breasts augmented can be exorbitant. So do take heed and contemplate before coming to a decision.

# Breasts with implants feel different to the touch than real breasts.

It is said that silicone breasts connate to real breasts, but at the end of the day, they are still man-made and they do not resemble the natural breast tissue.

# Breast augmentations can possibly affect your ability to breastfeed in the future.

A small risk involved with breast augmentation is if you have an areola incision, there are chances that you could damage the minor ducts and that would result in the areola being cut off from the main portion of the gland, hindering your ability to breastfeed. Women who have underarm incisions or incisions in the crease of the breast should not have a problem.

#### You might lose feeling in your nipples after breast augmentation or reduction. Another minor risk to be cognisant about is the loss of sensation in the nipples whenever there is surgery to the breasts. There are a number of factors that contribute to this occurrence, including breast shape and surgery type. Although you lose sensation in your nipples, they will still respond to cold and stimulation.

#### You're not a great candidate for breast augmentation if you have a very strong family history of breast cancer, obesity or smoking.

Your genealogy plays a role if you are considering breast augmentation because it results in increased risks and complications during and after surgery. If you have any significant medical issues, you would need to be thoroughly evaluated and cleared before surgery.

# Not all "plastic surgeons" are board certified and trustworthy.

Ladies, this point is something you can't turn a side eye on. It is a prerequisite to do an exhaustive research on the surgeons and the medical institution before committing. First, make sure the surgeon is a registered medical practitioner by visiting the Malaysian Medical Council website at www. mmc.moh.gov.my. Be wary that all registered medical practitioners who qualify and wish to practise aesthetic medical practice (including cosmetic surgeries) are required to register under the National Registry of Registered Medical Practitioners Practising Aesthetic Medical Practice in Malaysia. Next, you should make sure that the surgeon has substantial experience in the type of surgery you want. Go ahead and ask to see a body of their work and before-and-after photos, speak to other patients if possible and finally, schedule a consultation to get a feel for the surgeon's approach.







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# ENEATH SABAH'S WATERS EEN FOR MY FIRST EXPERIENCE, DONNED MY MASK AND JUMPED.

Sabah spells excitement. The land below the wind is famed for both its exhilarating peaks and bewitching depths. Thrill-seekers flock to Sabah to conquer the country's tallest mountain, all 13,438ft of it. Or else they're here for the immeasurable marine life scattered across pristine diving sites. For an adventure in paradise, set off on your journey to Sabah's eco sanctuary.



But first, let us welcome you with a majestic view of the mountains from the Kota Kinabalu International Airport.

#### **AiR**LINK

#### **AIRPORT TALK**



As Managing Director of Malaysia Airports Holdings Berbad, Datuk Badlisbam Ghazali bas gained considerable recognition in the global aviation world. A speaker at the World Routes Strategy Summit in Chicago in 2014 and the Global Airport Development Conference in 2015 and 2016, he is also a Director of Airports Council International Asia-Pacific. He sits on the Boards of the international airports at Hyderabad in India and Sabiha-Gokchen in Turkey.

*This month, Datuk Badlisham shares some thoughts about Quality Management.* 



### AIRPORT MD SPEAKS

"It is always a nice feeling when a visitor compliments your home, and at work there is pleasant satisfaction when a foreign organisation recognises your performance as outstanding! Having someone from the outside looking in and recognising your efforts is always a rewarding experience.





"I guess this is how we felt when Malaysia Airports clinched a second successive achievement in quality management from the European Society of Quality Research when we received the ESQR Quality Choice Prize 2016 in Berlin recently. The Gala Dinner Award Ceremony was attended by quality-management experts from all over the world.

"Based in Lausanne, Switzerland, the European Society of Quality Research promotes quality awareness, recognises good business practices, technological innovation and, quality achievements in organisations worldwide - then, publicises these organisations' successful performance strategies.

"To me, Malaysia Airports receiving international recognition for our qualitymanagement system is an acknowledgement of our relentless effort and continuous initiatives to improve our businesses, especially in providing the best possible services to our customers. It is also a result of all stakeholders putting forth their best effort in a spirit of continuous improvement.

"However, as I mentioned when the awards were announced, while this is an achievement to be proud of, we must not rest on our laurels! Instead, we must take it as a fresh challenge to push further towards quality-management excellence at each and every one of our airports.

"Most importantly to me, all the awards and accolades we win locally and around the world must take second place to the one recognition I value most:- I strongly believe that the best recognition of qualitymanagement is when our airport-users are pleased and fully satisfied with their experience at any and all of our facilities. The best measure of our achievements must be in the joyful experiences and memorable moments of our airport-users – and that includes you, the readers of Airlink!"



#### **AIRPORT TALK**



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# Introducing the Malaysian Aviation Commission

Malaysia Airports welcomes the work of this newly established Commission



If you travel by air in Malaysia, you'll be glad to know that there is a relatively new organisation that champions your rights as air passengers. The Malaysian Aviation Commission (MAVCOM) was formally established on 1 March 2016 under the Malaysian Aviation Commission Act 2015. It is an independent entity that regulates economic and commercial matters related to the civil aviation industry in Malaysia. The aim of MAVCOM is to promote a commercially-viable, consumer-oriented and resilient civil aviation industry which supports the nation's economic growth.

In a broad sense, the functions of MAVCOM include working to provide a mechanism for protection of consumers; to regulate economic matters relating to the civil aviation industry; to provide a mechanism for dispute resolution between aviation industry players; to administer and manage air traffic rights; to advise the Government; and to administer and manage routes under public service obligations.

Most air-travellers would like to know about their consumer-protection rights. With the introduction of the Malaysian Aviation Consumer Protection Code 2016, an air-traveller's rights are clearly defined and protected under national law. These rights cover dealings with airlines, airports and other aviation service providers. Knowing your rights can help you receive a fair outcome if something goes wrong while traveling. The Code helps you learn about your rights and how to exercise them when it relates to flight delays and cancellations, pricing, baggage and various other issues.

All the information on aviation consumer rights available on the MAVCOM website, is based on this Code and includes references that you can refer to during a dispute or a claim. Any airline (including foreign airlines) operating into or out of Malaysia and all airports in Malaysia are required to comply with the Code.

Take baggage for example. As an air-traveller, you have an expectation to receive your bags as soon as you land. If your baggage does not arrive on the same flight as you, or is lost or damaged during the flight, you may be entitled to compensation for the inconvenience caused. To claim compensation, you must file a written complaint with your airline on arrival or within 7 days of arrival if your baggage is damaged; or on arrival or within 21 days of arrival if your baggage is delayed. If you feel that you have not received a satisfactory resolution within a period of 30 days, contact MAVCOM with a copy of your written complaint and the airline's response.



#### **AiR**LINK

#### **AIRPORT TALK**





The role of MAVCOM differs from those of the Ministry of Transport (MOT) and the Department of Civil Aviation (DCA). The MOT is responsible for industry policy-making and government-to-government discussions (including to spearhead bilateral or multilateral negotiations on traffic rights), while the DCA continues to regulate technical and safety matters for Malaysia's civil aviation industry.

For the aviation industry, MAVCOM's responsibilities also include the issuance of Air Services Licenses (scheduled services) and Permits (non-scheduled services) as well as Aerodrome Operator Licenses and Ground Handling Licenses. Its responsibilities also cover the administration and allocation of air traffic rights, the approval of scheduled and non-scheduled flight filings, and the monitoring of slot allocation for airlines or other aircraft operators. It is in this last respect that MAVCOM works with Malaysia Airports very closely.

Slot allocation refers to how airlines are given certain access times and dates for take-off and landing at airports or other aerodrome facilities. When operating in Malaysia, all aircraft are required to abide by their allocated time slots when operating their services, and avoid using their slots in unintended ways which disrupt airport or air traffic operations. MAVCOM is responsible for monitoring and providing oversight in the management of the slots allocation process. The process of slot allocation itself is currently being managed by the Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad. Malaysia Airports stewards the National Slot Coordination Malaysia (NSCM). Working under IATA's Worldwide Slot Guidelines and under the authority of MAVCOM, NSCM ensures slots are allocated to airlines and other aircraft operators in a neutral, transparent, and non-discriminatory way. Malaysia Airports General Manager Airline Marketing Mohamed Sallauddin Haji Mat Sah sums up things neatly when he says that in every area where there is synergy, Malaysia Airports works closely with MAVCOM to facilitate domestic, regional and international air-travel; and to ensure airlines and air-travellers have smoother flights with the optimum balance of regulations and rights!



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#### **AVIATION NEWS**

#### **AiRLINK**

# Airlines celebrate MCTA 25th Anniversary!















It was a proud moment in the history of Malaysia's Travel Industry when the Malaysian Chinese Tourism Association celebrated its 25th Anniversary last month. Airline Managers and members of the Malaysian aviation community were prominent when hundreds of travel-industry luminaries, government officials, diplomats and representatives of several National Tourism Organisations gathered at the spacious banquethall of Chuai Heng Restaurant in Kuala Lumpur last month to celebrate the historic and auspicious occasion.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee Jeffrey Phua opened the evening by welcoming the Guests of Honour. They were Chairman of Malaysian Tourism Promotion Board Datuk Dr. Siew Ka Wei, and Director-General of Tourism Malaysia Datuk Seri Mirza Mohammad Taiyab. Jeffrey Phua also thanked the evening's sponsors, including airlines like Air Astana, Air Asia, Air France KLM, Austrian Airlines, Bangkok Airways, France KLM, China Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, China Southern Airlines, Emirates, Eva Air, Korean Air, Malaysia Airlines, Myanmar Airways International, Singapore Airlines, SriLankan Airlines, Thai Airways, Qatar Airways, Vietnam Airlines and Xiamen Airlines, which contributed gifts and tickets to help make the night's Lucky Draw a rousing success.

MCTA National President Dato' Albert Tan Sam Soon reiterated a warm welcome to all guests, and explained that the association was originally set up in 1992 as a national association to represent the Chinese travel and tourism organisations in Malaysia. It liaises with the government and the privatesector, and provides training, education, research, information and other services to ensure a positive business-climate. The MCTA promotes the professional image of Malaysian Chinese travel and tourism organizations.

Today MCTA comprises of more than 700 members representing travel agencies, tour operators, hotels & resorts, specialty shops, restaurants and other tourism-related organizations. MCTA has its Headquarters in its own building in Pandan Jaya, Kuala Lumpur and Branch Chapters in Sabah, Johor, Perak, Penang and Negeri Sembilan; and delegates from these branches attended the event.

Other events during the exciting night included presentation of mementoes and tokens of appreciation to MITM 2016 sponsors. There were also thrilling performances by the Vivas Water Drums Troupe and the popular music group Sandcastle.

#### **Air**Link

# **ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES** Increases Flights



This month, Ethiopian Airlines, the largest and fastest-growing African airline, is pleased to announce that it is increasing its current flights frequency to four times weekly between Kuala Lumpur and Addis Ababa, says Malaysia Country Manager Osman Habib.

The increased service operates every Monday in addition to the existing service on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday weekly using the ultra-modern Dreamliner Boeing 787. The increased flights will serve the growing traffic and giving the best possible connectivity options to passengers travelling between Malaysia and Africa, he explains, adding that Ethiopian customers can now enjoy the ultimate travel experience on board Ethiopian Dreamliner with quieter flights, the biggest windows in the sky, higher ceiling, unique lighting and higher humidity.









Ethiopian is a global carrier that operates the youngest and the most modern fleet in the continent, with an average aircraft age of less than 5 years, serving more than 92 international destinations across 5 continents with over 240 daily departures. Its latest destinations include Chengdu in China, Oslo in Norway, Conakry in Guinea and Victoria Falls in Zimbabwe. For enquiries and reservations, please call **03-2141 2190** or visit www.ethiopianairlines.com



# Children's Fun with QATAR AIRWAYS



Qatar Airways Country Manager Malaysia and Brunei Dato' Muzammil Mohamad, says that the airline, in partnership with famed toymaker Hasbro Inc. has updated its range of plush toys, children's activity kits and in-flight lunch boxes designed to entertain and delight the global airline's youngest travellers.

Plush infant toys Elefun and Mr. Potato Head are joined on board by classic board-game favourites such as Clue Junior, Guess Who, Monopoly Here and Now World Edition and The Game of Life for older children, as they go places together with the award-winning airline. Qatar Airway's specially prepared children's meals feature new Pictureka or Monopoly-designed lunch boxes – a gift that children can take home and use long after their flight.

On Qatar Airways' flights, children will stay entertained thanks to the range of different activity kits being provided on flights across the airline's network of more than 150



places. Special thought has been paid to families travelling on overnight flights with the introduction of a glow-in-the-dark Clue Junior entertainment pack; perfect to keep restless youngsters busy once the lights are dimmed.

The updated plush toys, activity-kits and lunch boxes, containing comforting favourites such as healthy and delicious pastas, fish or chicken dishes, fresh seasonal fruit, fruit juice, and sweet treats, are now being rolled out across the airline's global network of destinations.

Dato' Muzammil Mohamad said: "Qatar Airways is committed to providing the very best customer-experience to families flying with us, and that includes continually updating our children's activity-kits with different games to ensure our young travellers remain engaged, and most importantly – entertained. All of our children's activity packs and lunch boxes are mementos that remind them of our journey together."

He add that the airline operates 21 flights a week between Kuala Lumpur and Doha with onward connections to Europe, the Americas, Africa and the Middle East via its Doha hub. For more information, visit www.qatarairways. com or call **03-2118 6100**.

# AIRLINK LUCKY AIR arrives in Penang



Lucky Air has started its flight to Penang International Airport (PIA) with its inaugural flight in December. The twice-weekly flight service between Kunming City and Penang operates a Boeing 737-800 aircraft.

Suhaimi Abdul Mubin, the General Manager of Malaysia Airports Sdn Bhd said, "Malaysia Airports is delighted to welcome Lucky Air to Penang International Airport. The inclusion of Lucky Air into the Penang International Airport family will further promote the airport as a preferred hub in this region." He added that as of November 2016, Penang International Airport had registered an increase of approximately 6.3% in passengers' movement compared to the same period in 2015.

Suhaimi added, "Travellers now will have the option to use Penang via Lucky Air to connect with other major cities in China. I am confident it will also enhance the image and reputation of the airline as a transportation-conduit among air-travellers in this region." Headquartered in Kunming Changshui International Airport in Yunnan Province, the carrier is a subsidiary to Hainan Airlines rebranded to further explore the potential in the Chinese low-cost market. Founded in 2004, Lucky Air owns a fleet of 36 airplanes including 12 Boeing 737-700s, 14 Boeing 737-800s, 3 Airbus 319s and 7 Airbus 320-200s. Originally known as Shilin Airlines, the airline is now owned by Hainan Airlines, Shanxi Airlines and Yunnan Shilin Tourism Aviation. It connects 26 provinces and 40 cities with 37 routes.









# **EVA AIR** Gudetama Success





Eva Air General Manager Malaysia Joe Huang says that the airline's specially-painted Sanrio family aircraft with an exclusive Gudetama Jet Comfort Flight theme has been a success in the recent month since its launch. Adding to its popular Hello Kitty and Sanrio-character services, Eva operates the brightly liveried Gudetama Comfort Flights on regional and short-range routes within Asia.

The Gudetama Jet Comfort Flight is an Airbus A321-200 configured for 184 passengers, eight in Business Class and 176 in Economy. It is Eva's first specially painted A321. "To keep our themed flights fresh, lively and fun for passengers, we chose superstar Gudetama to decorate our fleet. Different from the sweet image of Hello Kitty, Gudetama symbolizes a laid-back, relaxed style of travel. Travel with Eva can be easy, comfortable, spontaneous and completely relaxing. It's a travel style that's perfect for busy people with hectic schedules", says Joe Huang.

Gudetama is always sunny-side-up on Eva's aircraft. The new livery captures the relaxed spirit of the bright yellow Gudetama as he leisurely packs sunglasses, camera, hat and bacon into his bag, taking just one little break before he flies away on a memorable holiday. He also decorates interiors and service items, creating a relaxing flying experience inside and out. Onboard,



flight attendants wear aprons embellished with the Gudetama design and passengers use in-flight service items depicting the loveable character. Items include Gudetama headrest covers, pillows, safety cards, beverage menus, disposable hand towels, tray mats, napkins, cups, meal boxes, food trays, chopstick wrappers, utensils, meals, snacks, floss picks, slippers and playing cards.

Joe Huang says that the airline has 11 flights a week between Kuala Lumpur and Taipei. With Eva Air's free mobile app, you can stay up-to-date with flight schedules and booking information. Alternatively, you can visit www.evaair.com or call Eva Air at **03-2162 2981**.
# AIRLINK

# An enchanting evening with THAI









Thai Airways International recently hosted a very special dinner for its travel-agents in the state of Perak at the private wine-cellar of Tan Sri Dr. Jeffrey Cheah, Chairman of Sunway Group, inside the exclusive Banjaran Hotspring Resort in Ipoh.

Nivat Chantarachoti, General Manager of Thai Airways for Malaysia and Brunei, welcomed travel agents, mostly from Ipoh and Taiping, for this eight-course sit-down



dinner with a vintage 1998 Dom Perignon champagne toast from Tan Sri Jeffrey's very own cellar. Joining the General Manager were Vichian Endin Dam, District Sales Manager; and Maybel Ang, Area Sales Executive from the airline's Penang office.

Chantarachoti, who hailed from Thai Airways' office in Zurich, Switzerland, has been based in Kuala Lumpur since May 2016. "We have selected this venue because we find it very special and unique. Jeff's Cellar is no doubt known for its rare selection of wines and fine dining; which is as legendary as Thai Airways" he said, as he thanked the agents for their past sales and support.

THAI is one of the pioneer international airlines to fly into Malaysia, with a strong market presence spanning nearly half-acentury. The national flag-carrier of Thailand connects Kuala Lumpur to Bangkok with a total of 14 weekly flights from KLIA. It is one of very few airlines to provide its Business Class passengers the privileges and elegance of its own deluxe Royal Orchid Lounge at the airport. In addition, there are daily flights from Penang by THAI Smile, a subsidiary of Thai Airways, offering direct connections to more than 80 destinations around the world.

For more information on travel with the national flag-carrier of the Kingdom of Thailand, please contact **03-2034 6999** or log-on to www.thaiairways.com.my

# **AVIATION NEWS**

# **VIETNAM AIRLINES** Dreamliner Fleet grows





Vietnam Airlines will soon celebrate the delivery of the carrier's 11th Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner, says General Manager for Malaysia, Phan The Thang. "Vietnam Airlines is proud to welcome our 11th Boeing 787 Dreamliner less than two years after we took delivery of the first of these state-of-the-art new aircraft. The Dreamliner is one of the keys to our fleet expansion plans, and plays a vital role in enabling us to offer customers four-star quality of service and establish Vietnam Airlines among the leading carriers in Asia."

"We are honored to be building on our more than 20 years of partnership to advance Vietnam's aviation industry," said Dinesh Keskar, senior vice president, Asia Pacific & India Sales, Boeing Commercial Airplanes. "The 787 Dreamliner has enabled Vietnam Airlines to profitably operate key routes such as Hanoi to Heathrow and Ho Chi Minh City

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to Sydney, while providing their customers with the best passenger experience available."

This national flag-carrier of Vietnam operates between 18 and 21 flights weekly from KLIA to Vietnam and onward to Europe, Japan and South Korea, with very convenient transit-times. For ticketing and enquiries, please contact your travel agent, call

**03-2031 1555** or log-on to http://www. vietnamairlines.com/





The next generation hub is taking shape at KLIA, and it's taking aviation to unprecedented heights.

# MALINDO teams up with ERL





Malaysia's fastest-growing airline has teamed up with the region's fastest air-rail link to provide airport-users with more convenience and more connectivity! Express Rail Link and Malindo Air jointly hosted the official launching of Malindo Air's City Centre Check-in Service & Ticketing Office at ERL's KL City Air Terminal, KL Sentral Station last month.

It was launched by Deputy Minister of Transport, Datuk Aziz Kaprawi, who said that it was a source of pride to the nation that the KL City Air Terminal was one of very few in the world, and that ERL itself had been named the world's best air-rail link four times. He added that he was gratified to see the fresh investments Malindo Air was making in Malaysia, both in new aircraft and in facilities such as the new City Centre Check-In Service and the new Ticketing Office.

Executive Chairman of Express Rail Link Sdn. Bhd. Tan Sri Mohd. Nadzmi Mohd. Salleh said that Malindo Air passengers can now collect their boarding-passes and check-in their luggage at an extremely convenient spot within the city, adding that KL-CAT is virtually an extension of KLIA. It also offers unrivalled seamless connectivity with rail and road public transportation to residential, commercial and industrial areas in and around Kuala Lumpur.

Chief Executive Officer of Malindo Airways Chandran Rama Muthy said that the airline's new City-Centre Check-In Service empowers passengers to check-in their luggage right to their final destination anywhere on Malindo Air's regional network. In other words, Malindo passengers can simply drop off their luggage between 8 hours to 3 hours prior to departure, then simply collect their luggage upon arrival at their final destination! Malindo passengers just need to purchase valid KLIA Ekspres tickets to use this facility. The new Ticketing Office also enables air-travellers to purchase their air-tickets at a convenient transport-hub in the heart of the city.







# Lunar New Year Shopping @ KLIA





The Year Of The Fire Rooster is a great time for Airport Shopping! Malaysia Airports General Manager Commercial Services Hani Ezra Hussin says that the festive season is celebrated at major airports across the country, but airport-users at KLIA will find an exciting ambience and attractive shopping opportunities awaiting them.

There are over 161 outlets at KLIA's Main Terminal Building and the Satellite Building, and another 124 outlets at klia2! And this is not even counting the enormous variety of shopping opportunities at Gateway @ klia2 and Mitsui Outlet Park! Airport Shopping really has something for everyone.

Impressive acrobatic Lion Dances, amazing Bian Lian Face-Changing performances, complimentary Ang Pow giveaways and other exciting promotions help airport-users celebrate the Lunar New Year. There are also attractive surprises for UnionPay users. With great food, special Lunar New Year decorations, cultural activities and exciting promotions, Airport Shopping at KLIA is really something to crow about!

# **"THE FOCUS IS ALWAYS ON GUEST-EXPERIENCE"**

An Operations Manager describes the special combination of hospitality and aviation.



Interview with Kimberly Wong Country Manager, Plaza Premium Group

Born and raised in the Pearl of the Orient, this "Proud-to-be-a-Penangite" Manager began her working life at a major Japanese manufacturer in Petaling Jaya before quickly returning to Penang to enter the hospitality industry in 1988. In the three decades since, she has worked with well-known local and international hotelchains at their offices in Penang, Langkawi, Kuala Lumpur and Singapore, covering prime properties across Malaysia as well as various destinations in Myanmar and Australia.

Brief periods in event-management and theme-parks have only enhanced Kimberly Wong's passion for the hospitality industry; a fact readily attested to by associates. "She's a hospitality-professional through and through. Whatever your marketing strategy or your operational needs, she will question you from a guest's perspective before proceeding", says an admiring employee. "Working under her, I learnt to put our guests first in everything I do at work."

An experienced hotelier has a different comment. "Kimberly Wong is friendly, feisty and focused - all in one. She is usually a kind and friendly person, but if you try cutting corners or taking advantage of things, you'll find that she is a formidable foe. Little bit like a headmistress, lah. If you're good, she's good – if you try to be funny she is very firm and 'fierce'. Basically, she is fully focused on customer service." In person, Kimberly Wong comes across as bubbly, cheerful and quite dedicated to her work. No matter where the conversation drifts, she quietly steers it back to the company she works for – of which she is obviously very proud.

Plaza Premium Lounge is a global service brand headquartered in Hong Kong, as well as the global industry leader in Premium Airport Services. The company's goal is to make an air-traveller's airport experience seamless and effortless, and to change the general perception of travel at the airport through its services. Identifying a gap in the market, Founder and CEO Song Hoi-see launched the first Plaza Premium Lounges at Hong Kong International Airport and Kuala Lumpur International Airport in 1998. These were the world's first independent airport lounges.

Open to all travellers regardless of airline or travel class, the service-oriented Plaza Premium Lounge concept was driven by a heartfelt desire "to do something for the majority". Through his initiative and vision, this innovative entrepreneur has changed the perception that airport lounges should be exclusively reserved for elite travellers.

Today, with more than 18 years of unrivalled experience offering premium airport services, Plaza Premium Lounge Management Limited sets the benchmark for airport value-added services. The company's services now range from designing, operating and managing premium airport lounges, both independent and on behalf of airlines, transit hotels, private relaxation suites, meet and greet services, dining concepts, business and conference centres and limousine services.

The company now operates in more than 140

locations in 35 airports globally, and counts over 4000 employees. The success of the business model has prompted airport authorities around the world to open their doors to independent lounge facilities and value-added airport services as part of a bid to enhance the overall traveller experience as well as to raise airport service quality. Kimberly Wong's current responsibilities cover Malaysia and Cambodia, though industry analysts think her portfolio may soon be extended. In Malaysia, she currently oversees ten Plaza Premium Lounges at the five international airports across the country. At the nation's flagship air-hub in Sepang, her work also covers the other business-pillars of the Group: Wellness Spa in KLIA and klia2, The Bar and The Green Market in klia2, Flight Club and Flight Club Grab'n Go in KLIA, as well as VIP Meet & Greet services in both terminals. It is a fair difference from her previous career as a hotelier, which automatically raises the question why she made the career-change.

"Well, coming into the Plaza Premium Group is only a change of career in certain aspects. We are definitely an airport-based company, and some operational and marketing issues are certainly unique to our location. But in most other senses, the ethics, values and practice of the hospitality industry are the same. Operationally, just like a stand-alone hotel or a one-owner chain, we still have just one landlord all across this country – and Malaysia Airports is actually a very progressive, partner-centric and serviceoriented company which shares our top priority of enhancing the airport experience", she explains.

"Our marketing efforts are to the same groups as hotels: airlines, travel agents, companies, public-sector institutions and individual frequentflyers. Operationally, I think the Core Values of Plaza Premium sums things up very simply and accurately:-Excellent Service, Teamwork, Innovation. And most of all, in whatever outlet we run, the service delivery and priority is exactly the same – the guest comes first at all times. Whether it is a premium lounge, a spa, a hotel or a restaurant, the aim is to be the best; and the focus is always on Guest Experience."



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# KLAS ART AUCTION RESULT Edition XXV

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CHEONG SOO PIENG Houses on Riverside, 1973 Gouache on paper 67.5 x 47.5 cm SOLD RM 103,702.40

LAS kick-started the new year with its 25th auction hosted at KL Lifestyle Art Space in Jalan Utara, Petaling Jaya on January 15. It was the first auction of the 2017 calendar year. A total of 63 lots were on sale, with 54 lots sold, garnering sales of over RM600,000.

The modern and contemporary art auction featured an array of Malaysian and Asian art masters from around the region. Art aficionados' eyes glimmered with excitement at the magnificent prospects awaiting them. The crowd turn-out was intimate yet substantial, showing a vested interest in the variants of art KLAS offered.

The show stealer of the auction was Cheong Soo Pieng's 'Houses on Riverside', 1973. It did not come as a surprise that the bids for his paintings were neck to neck, opening at RM50,000 and finally topping the sales at a whopping RM103,702.40, the most expensive piece sold at the auction.

The 'E.O.C. Rumbia dan Pucuk Paku, 1992' (1988) by Awang Damit followed suit with his painting being sold beyond the estimated upper limit, at RM64,250.40. Tailing closely behind was Ahmad Zaki Anwar's 'Legong 4', (1997) a piece that sold higher than its opening price, at RM57,487.20 which fared badly considering it was sold at RM118,000 two years ago. Ahmad Zakii's dissapointing result was echoed in the Tajudin Ismail artwork which did not gain any interest, hence unsold during the auction and snatched up only later in the post auction sales for RM25,200.





AWANG DAMIT AHMAD E.O.C "Rumbia Dan Pucuk Paku", 1992 Mixed media on canvas 76 x 61 cm SOLD RM 64,250.40

AHMAD ZAKII ANWAR Legong 4, 1997 Acrylic on canvas 120 x 180 cm (Diptych) SOLD RM 57,487.20



JOHN LEE JOO FOR The Spirit That Cannot Be Contained, 1980 Mixed media on canvas 144 x 200 cm SOLD RM 30,434.40

Yusof Ghani, a name that needs no introduction garnered sales with his 'Segerak Series', (2007) being sold at RM34,943.20. His 'Siri Tari', (1992) on the other hand, opened for RM2,500 and finally sold for RM3,381.60 to a lucky bidder.

Datuk Ibrahim Hussein's rare and first time seen in Malaysia masterpiece 'The

Traveller' (1964), literally travelled for the first time from New York to Malaysia was not far behind. His piece artwork on paper opened at RM28,000 and was finally sold after a bid war at RM31,561.60. John Lee Joo For gained a respectable new Malaysian record high price of RM30,434.40 for his piece, 'The Spirit That Can't Be Contained' (1980), after opening at a mere RM7,000. Ismail Abdul Latiff's work, 'Mystery Tour... Magical Love Bird (2014), also garnered a respectable high price, almost double the opening price. Datuk Chuah Thean Teng's 'Self Potrait' proved to be a crowd pleaser when it was sold for RM7,890.40 compared to the opening price of RM3,500.

Unfortunately, newcomer to the auction, Sabri Salleh's 'Power of Light' (1996) did not garner much attention, sold for a mere price of RM3,945.20, below its opening price of RM5,000. Renowned artist Raffiee Ghani fell short with his 'Hanging Garden' (2003) at RM2,254.00, just a few hundred ringgit above its opening price.

KLAS is in the midst of organising the next auction, which is scheduled for March 12, 2017.

Art collectors and interested buyers are welcomed to visit KLAS @ 31 Jalan Utara, and its website at www.kl-lifestyle.com.my for the latest news. To register as a bidder for the next auction or for any enquiries, contact Lydia Teoh at 019 260 9668 or Shamila at 019 333 7668. You can also send your requests to info@mediate.com. my

# ABDUL MULTHALIB MUSA

# Beautifully sculpting the Malaysian art scene

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



nyone familiar with Malaysia's contemporary art scene can certainly recognise Abdul Multhalib Musa as one of Malaysia's leading contemporary sculptors. His unique and energetic sculptures have earned him not only a name for himself, but several awards, residencies and commissions. Abdul Multhalib was born in Penang, in 1976. He gained a degree in architecture from Universiti Teknologi Mara in 2000. Sculpture and the allied arts have always been integral parts of an architect's training. This sparked a hidden fire and generated an interest in the arts. Multhalib uses his experience and degree in architecture by seamlessly materialising it into his works.

Multhalib sculptures exhibit magnetic energy and unmistakable silhouettes that justify the numerous awards under his belt. Multhalib's most recent residency was the 2015 Cité Internationale des Arts, funded by the French Embassy in Kuala Lumpur. His notable residencies were the Rimbun Dahan Residency in 2001 and the Australian High Commission Residency in 2004. In 2002, Multhalib was recognised for his work, winning the Award of Excellence at the 6th Oita Asian Sculpture Open Competition in Japan. Subsequently, he also won the Juror's Choice Award at the National Art Gallery in Kuala Lumpur in 2002. He was then selected for the Ordos 11th Asia Arts Festival, Inner Mongolia Autonomous

(Now Available for Sale at KLAS @ Jalan Utara) Region, China, as well as the Urumqi International Urban Sculpture Symposium in Xinjiang, China in 2009. Multhalib went on to achieve great heights by winning a competition to design a major outdoor sculpture for the 2008 Beijing Olympics in China. Multhalib had undertaken major commissioned works for Petronas, The Hilton, The Grand Hyatt, The Westin, Aliya and Farouk Khan and

Twist, 2008

Laser mild steel 60 x 30 x 30 cm

UMW Toyota.

Perhaps it was the predominant way of his architectural background that played a part in his sculptural practice, paving a way to his approach in constructing his sculptures. Multhalib uses technology as part of his process, to aid him in



Two Palms, 2002

90 x 30 x 30 cm

Lasercut mild steel with clear coat

Private Collection Kuala Lumpur



Multhalib Musa's "Inverted Swirls" produced in 2009 measuring 155 x 155 cm Private Collection Kuala Lumpur



Dr Mahathir having a closer look at the "Reconstru ... on held in Galeri Tangsi Kuala Lumpur in 2005



Reconstructing Beauty I, 2004 Lasercut Mild Steel 120 x 120 x 3 cm Private Collection of Datuk Gary Thanasan

visualising three-dimensional patterns. Then, if need be, he creates mini prototypes of that vision to ensure the right use of tools. It also helps him resolve any issues before the actual production commences. He is often aided by a team of builders in the fabrication of his work, similar to a construction of a building. Typically, Multhalib's sculptures go through a laser-cut steel. In order to attain his signature rusty effect, he would then douse his works in salt water and lo and behold, his masterpieces come to life only to be coveted by art aficionados.

According to Abdul Muthalib, the conception of his works is spontaneous, non-linear and they are derived from experiences and what he feels. He draws from the natural surroundings as well as built environment. He explained, "At this stage, I have come to perceive the self as a composite that is often contradictory and internally incomplete. Perhaps this is one way to relate to my work, in a sense that it is conceptualised and manifested in fragments and aggregates to reveal a certain personal characteristic that challenges the reader to engage with the work at various levels of interpretation." Muthalib fully utilises geometric shapes in his sculptures. Furthermore, mathematical shapes and equations of swirls, circles and ovals are abundant in the composition of his circular series, entitled, 'Swirls'. His series was showcased at the Australian High Commission Kuala Lumpur in 2005, featuring as the title suggests, a series of circular sculptures. He had showcased two of his other works, the Involute series (2005) and Twist (2008).



3-In Bloom 1, 2013 Stainless steel with concrete base 75 x 22 x 17cm (Now Available for Sale at KLAS @ Jalan Utara)

Multhalib approaches all his work with a consideration he developed while working on his Involute series. Although he considers all his works to be part of the same series, it also portrays how vastly different they are under different circumstances such as the shows they are displayed at the time and titles they hold. Abdul Multhalib lives by an unwavering principle to date, which is to transform two-dimensional creations to three dimensional figures in order to establish a connection between his sculptures and his audiences. It was initially a fundamental principle he had learnt in architecture which was then applied to art too. After all, beauty is in the eye of its beholder.

Abdul Multhalib's 'Involute' series consists of suspended spherical mobile sculptures. One can say that it shares an apparent similarity in aesthetics with the 'Swirl' series and his works from the 'Twist' series which debuted back in 2008. As mentioned earlier, Multhalib considers all his series similar and as one, yet they differ greatly depending on

Twisted 5, 2003 Stainless steel 30 x 18 x 16cm (Now Available for Sale at KLAS @ Jalan Utara)

> Forgiven 2, 2002 Stainless steel 52 x 31 x 38 cm (Now Available for Sale at KLAS @ Jalan Utara)

circumstances. The Twist series features a series of sliced 'S' shapes standing up in tall totem-like structures.

(Now Available for Sale at KLAS @ Jalan Utara)

Stainless steel 11 x 7 x 36 cm

S-Curve, 2003

You may recognise some of Multhalib's works in public spaces, prominently the Patience of Petronas which graces the lobby of Prince Court Medical Centre and The Essence of National Legacy which can be seen at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre. While there aren't a lot of public sculptures, Multhalib adds his art to be part of the Kuala Lumpur skyline which has been referred to as a form of contemporary Malaysian sculpture in itself.

Synonymous with his talent, his success has earned his artworks a place in prestigious hotels, namely, his Breeze and Bubbles for the Hilton Hotel and his latest, Darussalam at the brand new Grand Hyatt. Darussalam is Multhalib's first foray in bronze, and was an interesting development for him as bronze limits laser cutting, which is a typical method by which he handles his metals. The final form therefore greatly differs from his previous works and shows an interesting new development in his repertoire. Rather than consisting of metal slices, the sculpture is a tall smooth edifice, mimicking the building that houses it. A bird's-eye view of the piece outlines a crescent, an icon present in both the Brunei and Malaysian flags, and which is one of the oldest symbols known to mankind signifying splendour and beauty.

Multhalib has masterfully combined his mathematical knowledge, spatial awareness and conceptual abilities to create sculptures that resonate with his audiences, both locally and internationally. Forging his way at the forefront of the contemporary Malaysian sculpture movement, Multhalib's ability to connect his works to the spaces that they inhabit, all the while exploring the precarious division of two and three dimensionalities, brands him as an exciting artist whose coming works are poised for an electrifying future.





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- 1 KHALIL IBRAHIM Pembicaraan Series, 1995 Watercolour on paper 56 x 76 cm RM 12,000 - RM 15,000
- 2 RAPHAEL SCOTT AHBENG Forest Dance, 2010 Acrylic on canvas 60 x 90 cm RM 4,500 - RM 9,000
- 3 SOON LAI WAI You Make My Day 6, 2014 Mixed media on canvas 76 x 76 cm RM 1,000 - RM 3,500
- 4 RAFIEE GHANI Le Jardin Series III, 1992 Acrylic on canvas 101.6 x 91 cm RM 10,000 - RM 18,000
- 5 NIZAM AMBIA Blatik Dancer, 2004 Mixed media on canvas 147 x 152 cm RM 8,000 - RM 16,000
- 6 LYE YAU FATT Two Maidens Mixed media on canvas 81 x 63.5 cm RM 6,000 - RM 12,000
- 7 ISMAIL LATIFF Geraksakti...Kumbang Malam, 2011 Acrylic on canvas 90 x 71 cm RM 10,000 - RM 15,000





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HONOURED AT CAPRI

Francis Yeoh, La La Land and Andrea Bocelli won awards at Hollywood International Film Festival a La Land has not only taken over the world by storm but it also bagged three major awards at the Capri Hollywood International Film Festival, as announced by Festival founder and producer, Pascal Vicedomini. The revelries started when La La Land's soundtrack won for 'Best Score of the Year' at The Capri, Hollywood Award. The original American romantic musical was written and directed by Damien Chazelle with its score composed by Justin Hurwitz. This marked its second Capri award for "La La Land", the other, being announced as 'Best Ensemble Acting'.

In addition, there was no surprise when internationally renowned singer, Andrea Bocelli won the 'Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album' award for his latest album entitled 'Cinema'. Malaysia had also made its name during the The 'Capri Legend Humanitarian Award' presentation through Malaysian entrepreneur-philanthropist, Tan Sri Francis Yeoh for his philanthropic activity by way of music.

These awards were presented on the evening of December 30 during the festival's 21st edition which took place on this picturesque isle, off the coast of Naples from December 27 through January 2, 2017. The highlight of the evening was a performance by classical singer Carly Paoli, who was asked by the Vatican to adopt her song 'Ave Maria' to be the official song for Pope Francis' 'Jubilee for Mercy' celebrations. The song rapidly became a No.1 hit on the iTunes Charts in the UK, Italy, Singapore and Malaysia. On December 26, Carly returned to Rome to headline 'La Dolce Vita,' a concert devoted to Italian cinema music.

"Each of these three awards are very significant in their own way," said Vicedomini. "Sir Francis Yeoh is a true supporter of the arts on a global basis; Andrea Bocelli is a world-class performer

Tan Sri Francis Yeoh



whose new album is a tribute to the music of cinema, and the score of 'La La Land' is impactful and memorable and set the tone for this year's movie music. We are thrilled to be honouring them at Capri, Hollywood International Film Festival.

Written and directed by Academy Award® nominee Damien Chazelle, and featuring an outstanding cast which includes Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, John Legend, Rosemarie DeWitt and J. K. Simmons, "La La Land" is set in modern day Los Angeles and tells the story of Mia (Stone), an aspiring actress, and Sebastian (Gosling), a dedicated jazz musician, who are struggling to make ends meet in a city known for crushing hopes and breaking hearts. The film from Lionsgate's Summit Entertainment, which was released in Italy by the Leone Film Group, screened on the evening of January 1. Andrea Bocelli's "Cinema," was nominated for a Grammy Award in the 'Best Traditional Pop Vocal Album' category, featuring renditions of songs from classic film soundtracks and scores including "Maria' (West Side Story), "Lara's Theme" (Dr. Zhivago), "The Music of the Night" (The Phantom of the Opera), "Moon River" (Breakfast at Tiffany's) and "Cheek to Cheek" (Top Hat). The album was produced by Tony Renis, David Foster and Humberto Gatica.

Tan Sri Francis Yeoh is the managing director of YTL Group of Companies. He took over his family's company in 1988 and grew it into a global Infrastructure evelopment conglomerate. Ranked as one of "Asia's 25 Most Powerful and Influential Business Personalities" by Fortune and Business Week, he advocates Godly stewardship of business. He is also on the Advisory Councils of London Business School, Wharton School and INSEAD. In 2006, Yeoh was awarded the Commander of the Most Excellent Order



of the British Empire (CBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Apart from that, he also supports environmental conservation and renewable energy initiatives, serving the Nature Conservancy's Asia Pacific Council. He champions the arts and cofounded the Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre. He is the regional chairman of International Friends of the Louvre.

Capri, Hollywood 2016 was presided over by Barry Morrow (Oscar-winner for the screenplay of "Rain Man") and by Israeli singer Noa. This year, the festival revolved around the theme of 'Mercy' and included special guests such as director Gianfranco Rosi, whose "Fuocoammare" (Sea of Fire) is Italy's Best Foreign Language Film entry in the Oscar's, recognised as 'Best European Film' and 'Best Documentary of the Year'. Israeli Amos Gitai, received the "Capri Award" for his Lifetime Achievements. Subsequently, American producer Bill Mechanic, was named 'Producer of the Year' for Mel Gibson's "Hacksaw Ridge". The 21st edition of Capri, Hollywood was supported by MIBACT (D.G. Cinema), and the Campania Region in collaboration with the City of Capri and the Municipality of Anacapri, as well as a number of private sponsors.



# NASIM LAUNCHES NEW PEUGEOT 208 PURETECH AND NEW PEUGEOT 2008 SUV PURETECH

# A story of groundbreaking efficiency

asim Sdn Bhd, the official distributor for Automobiles Peugeot in Malaysia, has kicked into high gear for the New Year by launching the latest models, the New Peugeot 208 Puretech and New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech, to complement current line-up.

The New Peugeot 208 Puretech asserts itself as a show-stopping hatchback with a new styling that shines bright with attraction and character, new technology for greater comfort and safety, and a new fuel-efficient engine that offers both economy and performance. Just as impressive, the New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech stands out in the SUV segment where its appeal lies in its exclusive combination of robustness and sophistication. It provides unique sensations with its dynamic styling, innovative technological equipment and unparalleled road handling. "Peugeot has always been at the forefront of automotive innovation and technology. In 2013, the Peugeot i-Cockpit was introduced to Malaysia which reinvented the driving experience with an innovative layout. Now, Malaysians will be treated to the new award-winning Puretech engine, a product of Peugeot's 100 years of intelligent and innovative engineering. The New Peugeot 208 Puretech and New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech are the first wave of new models we will be launching this year in a bid to prevail in the increasingly competitive automotive market," said Datuk Samson Anand George, Group Chief Operating Officer, Automotive Group, Naza Corporation Holdings.

What set these Peugeots apart from their previous incarnations are their award-winning engines. Winner of the 2015 and 2016 'International Engine of

the Year' awards presented by the British magazine 'Engine Technology International', Peugeot Puretech is an advanced petrol engine technology that offers a drive and performance normally associated with much bigger engines but with significantly improved fuel consumption and CO2 emissions.

The New Peugeot 208 Puretech exudes character and allure at first sight with its new assertive, robust and distinctive styling. The new bumper presents a sharper, more precise and muscular line alongside a fully integrated wider grille and thicker chrome finisher combined with separate front fog lamps, new front headlamps, 3D LED rear lamps and an LED light signature that captivates and surprises atop 16-inch alloy wheels. Together, they suggest the quality and robustness characteristic of a Peugeot hatchback.

The New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech strikes a powerful silhouette through its new robust vertical front grille which features the lion at the centre of its multifaceted grid. Its muscularity is further emphasised by the 17-inch Hydre Antra dual-tone rims. The appeal of the New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech is enhanced by its elegant, newly designed lighting signature consisting of LED daytime running lamps, front fog lamps with cornering assist lighting and 3D rear lamps.

A refined interior built around driving sensations awaits drivers and passengers as soon as they step inside. The revolutionary Peugeot i-Cockpit makes for a welcoming sight as it delivers a stimulating, incisive and safe driving experience. This innovatively designed layout was deservedly recognised at the 29th Annual Festival Automobile International by winning 'Most Beautiful Interior'.

Committed to reliability and protection, the New Peugeot 208 Puretech and New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech honour Peugeot's stringent safety standards as exemplified in its comprehensive safety systems. Both achieved five-star ratings from Euro NCAP for maximum safety at every level to their driver and passengers, thanks to their six airbags and an Electronic Stability Program (ESP) featuring Anti-Lock Braking System (ABS), Electronic Brake Distribution (EBD), Emergency Brake Assist (EBA), Anti-Skid Regulation (ASR) and Dynamic Stability Control (DSC). Other safety features include Very High Strength Steel grade body construction, Hill Start Assist, three sets of ISOFIX points at the rear for child seats, pretensioner safety belt with load limiter and seatbelt alarm audio, advanced electric power steering and Peugeot Rolling Code Transponder immobiliser security.

The New Peugeot 208 Puretech comes in six eyecatching colours: Digital White, Virtual Blue, Nera Black, Atomic Orange, Rouge Red and Aluminium. The on-the-road price with insurance of the hatchback is



RM89,888. The New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech is available in four stunning colours: Digital White, Ultimate Red, Emerald and Artense Grey. The on-theroad price with insurance of the SUV is RM109,888.

In addition to the launch, Nasim Sdn Bhd is introducing its new 5 years Peace of Mind warranty applicable to specific models launched from 2017 onwards, starting with the New Peugeot 208 Puretech and New Peugeot 2008 SUV Puretech. The Peace of Mind warranty is valid for a total of 5 years or up to 120,000km, whichever comes first.

All Peugeot models come with a five-year warranty together with Nasim's three-years complimentary 24hour Peugeot Roadside Assistance service, exclusive access to the Peugeot Lounge at Subang Airport and Peugeot Privilege membership, all to provide the best ownership experience for its customers.

For more information on Peugeot Malaysia, please visit http://www.peugeot.com.my.

# Jacqueline Benita Paul speaks to

# **ROSANNE HORTENSIUS**

From the Netherlands to Malaysia

# Where are you originally from and what was your hometown like?

I was born and raised in Zoetermeer, the Netherlands, but had since been living in Amsterdam. Amsterdam is an amazing city! There is always something cultural to do. For example, Amsterdam hosts food truck festivals, a 'Light Festival' where lightened-up artworks are showcased along the canals, 'Kings Day' when everybody dresses up in orange clothes and celebrates the birthday of the King by dancing in the streets and boating the canals, or 'Museum Night' where you can visit all museums in Amsterdam at night instead of during the day, when DJs play tunes while you have a drink. Next to that, I love the fact that everybody uses a bicycle as the main form of transport. Even our prime minister goes to work on his bicycle occasionally ! There are actually said to be more bicycles than people in Amsterdam.

# When did you arrive in Malaysia and what was your first impression?

I first arrived in KL in February 2016 during the Chinese New Year. I was really impressed by the size of the city, the skyscrapers plus rooftop bars, and the number of huge malls. I like the green surroundings of the city and to me it feels very tropical to see all the palm trees next to the roads. Hove the weather as we have four seasons back home, and it's generally not that warm. I didn't understand why everybody was always turning on the air-conditioner to make it cold and would bring a sweater to work, to the mall and especially to the cinema. As of now, I am already used to it and cannot live without airconditioning as well.

I had heard a lot of bad things about the traffic in KL, but it really didn't seem so bad to me, and I thought it was a bit over-exaggerated. One week later, when the Chinese New Year holiday was over, I perfectly understood what everybody was talking about when I experienced real traffic.

# What was the transition like moving from country to country? Do you ever get homesick?

I never get homesick because I feel at home in a new country very quickly. I have lived abroad before, so that might have helped with my transition too. I love exploring a new city and making it my own by finding a favourite coffee bar, supermarket, gym and most importantly, by making new friends from all over the world.

Having said that, living in Malaysia is very different from living in the Netherlands, and it took some time before I got used to and became familiar with all the local habits.

# What do you do for a living?

As the general manager of Saleduck Asia, I lead the setup and growth of Saleduck's activities in South-East Asia, hence why I moved here. Saleduck is a user-curated online deal community that features the best coupon codes and deals from partners such as Lazada, Zalora and Expedia. I am responsible for all our South-East Asian activities, i.e. the strategy, training employees etc. Currently, we are active in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines, and more countries are to follow soon.

# How did you get this career?

After I obtained my Master's degree in Policy, Communication and Organisation in 2012, I travelled around South America for six months. I wrote a blog about my experiences there, and it fascinated me to see how other bloggers were able to get their websites up in Google search results, and get so many newsletter subscribers, page view, and followers on social media. When I came back I stopped blogging, but wanted to learn more about online marketing and knew I wanted to become an online marketer. I started working for Saleduck, back then called Bridge Marketing, and quickly worked my way up to first become marketing manager, then commercial manager, and finally general manager.

# What was the turning point of your career and your secret to success?

I think the turning point of my career was in 2015 when Saleduck started to expand to seven new countries within Europe. I was responsible for the training of our new employees and setting up the marketing activities for each new country. Because this went really well and became a big success, our CEO and I were convinced I could successfully roll out our Saleduck brand in South-East Asia too.

Personally, I feel like the secret to success is having a team around you that is fun, enthusiastic, smart and creative. That will motivate you to get the best out of yourself. You also have to be willing to take risks and make firm decisions.

# What is it that you love about what you do? Any challenges?

What I love most is seeing the people that we have hired grow so much. Most of the time we hire people who don't have a lot of working experience and it is amazing to see them become independent, and see that they feel responsible for their market. There are always challenges but it's great to be able to tackle them with the team, and this actually makes our bond stronger.

# Tell us about your family.

My mom is a teacher and my dad is a jurist. I also have a sister who is three years younger than me. We don't Skype or FaceTime that often because of the time difference but we send



WhatsApp messages almost every day. Actually, my first introduction to Malaysia was a family holiday with them to Langkawi many years ago. Both my parents and sister came to Malaysia again now that I am living here, and they saw a bit more of the country this time.

# Any funny stories or interesting experience that happened while you've been in Malaysia?

In the Netherlands, small talk is always about the weather. It was funny for me to notice that everybody here mostly talks about food when making conversation. At business meetings, people would always ask me, "did you have your breakfast or dinner already?" For me, this was a bit of an odd question and at first I didn't really know how I was supposed to answer this question. Just by saying yes or no? Or name all the things I ate?

I found it very interesting to see how welcoming everybody here is, no matter the religion or culture. At work there is no gossip about each other, and new employees are always immediately invited by someone to come for lunch. At my gym, everybody is always so friendly to each other and people make conversation with everyone. In the Netherlands, people mind their own business most of the time when going to the gym, but I like the Malaysian way better.

# Have you tried any of the local food in Malaysia? Do you have any favourites?

I am in love with the food in Malaysia, especially Indian and Malay food. My favourite dish is Nasi Lemak Rendang (locals are always surprised I can eat spicy food), although I prefer it for dinner instead of breakfast like the locals. My colleagues let me try a lot of local dishes and I like them all! Except for durian.. I don't really speak Malay but I am safe just knowing 'Jom makan' (let's go eat).

# Any favourite holiday destinations in Malaysia so far?

That's a very tough question. I explored quite a lot of Malaysia and enjoyed both city life and nature. But most of all I love the beaches, so my number one destination would either be Perhentian Kecil Island or Tioman Island. I took my sister to Perhentian Kecil Island and celebrated my birthday at Tioman Island with one of my best friends, so I have very fond memories of them both.

# What is your current project and what is your vision for your current company?

I just finished our marketing strategy for 2017 for our European and South-East Asian markets. It is our goal to double both in employee size and turnover in 2017. I am now busy with so-called 'growth hacking', focusing only on growth by testing innovations and creating ideas, working closely together with IT and design.

# What is your advice to those who would love to pursue your career line or take the plunge into the unknown?

Do it! It is so great to experience a different country and its cultures. Also, take initiative in meeting people, both other expats and locals.

# SUNWAY CLIO HOTEL

# A stay to remember

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

Jalan PJS 11/15, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia Tel: +60 3-7492 8000 eminiscing about my staycation at Sunway Clio Hotel puts a smile on my face. My friends and I have certainly made memories at this establishment. This brand new 4-star hotel ihas a whopping 401 rooms that await your presence. Nestled in the prime location of Sunway city, this hotel offers more than just accommodation. Patrons are spoilt for choice with over 900 retail stores and 170 food and beverage outlets available within the integrated resort destination. Not to mention, its list of attractions and facilities such as Sunway Lagoon and Sunway Pyramid is sure to knock your socks off.

If you are from the city, this could be the perfect weekend escape for you and your family. Treat your kids to a splash of fun at the Sunway Lagoon theme park and perhaps some retail therapy for yourself. If you are looking for some alone time with your partner, take them for an ice-skating ride at Sunway Pyramid shopping mall. To sum up the day, indulge in a buffet spread at the Resort Café at Sunway Resort Hotel, which is a short walk away through the mall. My friends and I had a blast at the Resort Café. We stuffed ourselves with the wide and scrumptious array of fare offered, from western to favourite local delights. Initially, we were quite flabbergasted with the choices, but it only lasted for a second. Next thing I knew, my friends had scurried away to fill their plates. We covered it all; from the juicy prawns, to pizzas and pastas to the chocolate fountain.

Speaking of amenities and facilities, you would be elated to know that Sunway Clio Hotel offers an infinity pool that overlooks the Sunway Lagoon theme park and the city skyline. The pool is surrounded by lounge chairs for you to bask in the sun. It is especially nice to take a dip in the morning and evening. If you don't mind the heat, the pool is fairly empty in the afternoon. Given the weather in Malaysia, a swim on a hot day is refreshing. Alternatively, you can work up a sweat at their fitness centre.

When the girls and I stepped into the Superior Executive Park View King room, the three of us literally halted at the same time to take it all in. Our eyes widened with wonder and awe of the sight before us. The view before us was a spacious and inviting one, decorated in the simplest yet elegant manner. We were pleasantly greeted by welcoming tunes played on the TV and a basket containing an assortment of fruits. To top it all off, we also received a welcome card from the Duty Manager of Sunway Clio Hotel. The little details portrayed the staff's exemplary hospitality and how courteous they are with their guests. Needless to say, we were gleaming with happiness.

As for the interior of the room, our inner child squealed in delight at the sight of the massive king size bed and long window panes that gave a scenic view of the Sunway Lagoon theme park and the city's skyline. Hints of grey accents garnish the room's interior such as the seating chairs and the curtains that complement the beige tone of the walls. However, the highlight of the room for me is if you wake up early enough, you would be able to witness of the glorious sunrise. On another note, I can't even begin to tell you how spacious the bathroom is. The architecture of the entire room makes good use of space. The shower area alone can fit a family of five people (I'm not even kidding).

After a well-deserved slumber, we took turns to stand under the cascading waters from the rain shower. It truly felt like standing under a therapeutic rain. Our stomachs then growled to be fed and therefore we made our way to Café West (located on the 8th floor of the hotel). Yet again, we were greeted by an assortment of food. They had waffles, pancakes, cereal, bread, nasi lemak, dim sum, pao and a dedicated egg station to make you any kind of preparation you want. Naturally, the glutton in us made sure we left no plates unturned. I'm proud to say that we did some justice to the exquisite fare offered. A weekend at Sunway Clio Hotel was a well-deserved stay. They made us feel like princesses for the two days. The amount of thought put into the most minute details made our stay perfect.















# LE MERIDIEN SINGAPORE, SENTOSA

# Destination Unlocked

BY JACQUELINE BENITA PAUL

ingapore is, without doubt, one of the world's most chic and modern countries, and if you're treating your beloved to a long weekend, take them to Le Meridien Sentosa. It is situated directly opposite of Imbiah Station on the Sentosa Express monorail, Le Meridien Singapore, Sentosa is just minutes from a myriad of attractions including the Merlion Sentosa, Universal Studios Singapore, S.E.A. Aquarium, KidZania Singapore as well as world-class culinary delights and entertainment.

Inspired by its European heritage and mid-century modern design, Le Meridien offers a unique experience at one of the world's top travel destinations. Since June last year, Le Meridien has undergone a brand makeover that has brought back the Le Meridien brand to Singapore after nearly a decade. The new design was innovated by DP Architects and Japanese studio Super Potato to provide a juxtaposition of the old and the new, offering a glimpe of Singapore's vibrant past and present.

The hotel complex comprises a contemporary building and a pair of restored former barracks, which housed Southeast Asia's first Malay artillery back in 1940. The hotel features 191 contemporary guestrooms, including suites with Japanese outdoor private Onsen pool, and a duplex penthouse suite with its own rooftop garden and infinity pool. Other facilities include a swimming pool and 243 square metres of versatile function space, with 198 square metres of pillar-less ballroom fitted with floor-to-ceiling windows.

This hotel is for lovers of minimalism: unostentacious architecture that preserves the elements of tradition, lovers of good use of space, and lovers of intuitive service. It's a palace that has a luxurious feel without adding frills and glitz, so if you fancy a place that has over-the-top décor and design, this might not be the hotel for you. If, on the other hand, you want to enter a hassle-free, sophisticated space, check in!

Another highlight of the Le Meridien, Sentosa is the Le Meridien Hub which reinterprets the traditional hotel lobby into a social gathering place. Built on the brand's award-winning arrival experience and coffee culture, the key features include singnature elements from the Paris-born brand such as 24-hour soundtrack curated by French Bossa Nova band Nouvelle Vague, a variety of delectable eclairs, exclusive illy coffee prepared by master baristas, and sparking cocktails inspired by Europe's aperitif hour. Their dining offerings include World of Whisky which is positioned as a haven for single-malt aficionados. Its refined, inviting atmosphere features uniquely crafted wood furnishings and distinctive chandeliers.

The rooms and suites at Le Meridien Hotel vary from small but elegant classic rooms, to the blow-out Penthouse Suite with a private rooftop garden with an infinity pool. All the options have king-sized beds, comforting ambience, contemporary and stylish designs and impeccable natural lighting for that enviable social media posting. The hotel was fully renovated in 2016, and it resembles a private museum. The historic architectural features of the building have been painstakingly preserved, so you might well find your room decorated with colonial elements.

23 Beach View, Sentosa Island 098679, Singapore (Formerly Movenpick Heritage Hotel Sentosa) Tel : 00 65 6818 3388





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# the Curve

Mutiara Damansara, PJ Tel: 03-7710 6868 Situated in PJ's golden triangle, this open-air mall boasts 700,000 sq ft of space spreading over 3 floors and accommodating 270 specialty shops. It is connected to Ikea, Ikano Power Centre and Tesco. • 10am-10pm daily.

# Bangsar Village

Jalan Ara, Bangsar 🔹 角 Bangsar Tel: 03-2282 1808

Located in happening Bangsar, this neighbourhood mall is vastly popular due to its individual specialist shops offering fashion wear, toys, jewellery, hardware, beauty salons and F&B. Anchor tenants include The Village Grocer. The newer and bigger Bangsar Village II that's connected to this mall offers more local and international brands.

Alamanda Putrajaya Jalan Alamanda, Precinct 1, Putrajaya Tel: 03-8888 8882

Accessibility: ERL Putrajaya & Nadi Putra (bus service) Located at the heart of Putrajaya, Álamanda offers a new resort-style shopping to suit the needs of all - with Parkson & Carrefour as anchor tenants, FOS, Somerset Bay, MPH and Toycity tagged with ARL Bowl.

# CapSquare

Jalan Munshi Abdullah 🕫 M Tuanku 👮 Dang Wangi Tel: 03-26912036

Strategically located in the heart of KL's midtown area, CapSauare is an eclectic mix of signature offices, Manhattaninspired residences, a shopping centre and a vibrant 300-metre retail boulevard. It also houses intimate eateries, chill-out spots and a TGV cinema. • D6

# Bata

 Sunway Pyramid
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179, Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🖶 B Bintang Tel: 03-2148 5488

A hot spot for Fashion, Food, Gadgets and Entertainment with 200 retails stores over 7 levels of shopping space. Shop at South East Asia's largest Uniqlo store, the latest Shoes, Bags, Accessories on First Floor, or buy gifts and souvenirs. Discover new concept cafes and restaurant or entertain at CEO Karaoke Box and Club Vellin. • 10am-10pm daily

# 1 Utama

1 Lebuh Bandar Utama, Bandar Utama, PJ Tel: 03-7710 8118 A new generation shopping centre which satisfies all shopping needs under one roof. The old wing has Jusco as the main anchor tenant while the new extension houses many designer brands and has U Parkson, MPH & Jusco asanchor tenants • 10am - 10pm daily.

# Berjaya Times Square

Tel: 03-2143 2386 1 Jalan Imbi • 🖶 Imbi

The biggest in Southeast Asia, this mall which measures 7.5 million sq ft, is an integrated shopping-cum-entertainment centre with a hotel, the region's biggest indoor theme park and bowling centre. 10am - 10pm daily. • F8

KLIA Shopping KL International Airport, Sepang San KLIA Ekspres-KLIA Tel: 03-8777 8888 One of airports with value-for-money shopping, it offers an excellent selection of goods like souvenirs, tobacco, liquors, perfume, chocolates and designer brands.

# **Publika Shopping Gallery**

Tel : 03-62079426 No 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur Tel: 03-621107877 www.publika.com.my www.facebook.com/ publikashoppinggallery

# Suria KLCC Petronas Twin Towers • 🗯 KLCC

Tel: 03-2382 2828 Located at the base of the Petronas Twin Towers, Suria KLCC is the premier shopping centre in KL. It offers unique shopping, dining & entertainment experience. It houses exclusive designer brands and provides an abundant choices of goods and services for everyone. • 10am - 10pm daily. • D8

# **Sunway Pyramid**

Bandar Sunway Tel : 03-74943100

Impressive giant sphinx statue greets you at the entrance of this Egyptian-themed shopping centre situated next to Sunway Hotel and the Sunway Lagoon theme park,. The mall has a variety of shops and restaurants, an indoor ice-skating rink and a cineplex. • 10am-10pm daily.

# **Pavilion KL**

168. Jalan Bukit Bintang 🔹 🗟 Bintang Tel : 03-2118 8833

The shopping centre blends the best of the international retail world with 450 stores – ranging from fashion to home deco and leisure to culinary delights - over its 7 levels and 6 themed precincts. 20% of its tenants represent debut brands in Malavsia. Anchor departmental stores are Parkson Pavilion and Tangs. • 10am to 10pm dailv

# Bangsar Shopping Centre Jalan Maarof, Bangsar

Tel: 03-2094 7700 Located in the affluent Bangsar suburb, this mall buzzes with a trendy crowd and houses an array of individual specialist shops for every need. Jasons Food Hall is a favourite with shoppers, as it offers an extensive range of fresh and international food brands. 10am - 10pm daily.

# Maju Junction Mall

1001 Jalan Sultan Ismail 🛛 🖶 M Tuanku 🛛 📓 Ismail Tel: 03-27728500 Located at the junction of Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman and Jalan Sultan Ismail, the five-storey mall has 101 outlets with Giant, Wh by British India, FOS, Nichii Fashion City being the anchor tenants. The mall provides concierge service and has an indoor archery centre, Big-Shot Archery. • 10am - 10pm daily.

# Bukit Bintang Plaza

111 Jalan Bukit Bintang 🛛 🖶 B Bintang Tel: 03-2148 7411

Extending into Sungei Wang Plaza, BB Plaza offers an interesting variety of stores selling jewellery, fashion wear, books, AV equipment, etc. Metrojaya department store is the anchor tenant. • 10am - 10pm daily. • F8



Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman 🗑 M Tuanku

• 📓 Bandaraya • 🖛 Bank Negara Tel: 03-2691 6599

One of the earliest shopping complexes in KL, this mall consists of many small shops selling an astonishing variety of goods and services appealing to the masses, including sports goods, leatherware, clothes, shoes and stationery. • 9am -9pm daily. • D5

# Sogo KL

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman

🗑 M Tuanku • Bandaraya • 🛲 Bank Negara Tel : 03-2698 2111 This 10-storey shopping mall is well patronised for its quality goods (local and international) ranging

from apparel, home furnishing to daily need items. It also has an international restaurant floor on the 6th floor • 11am-9pm daily • D5

# **Starhill Gallery**

181 Jln Bkt Bintang • 🖶 B Bintang Tel: 03-2782 3800 Connected to JW Marriott Hotel and Ritz Carlton Hotel, Starhill houses the largest retail watch floor and a host of top fashion designer boutiques. An exclusive mall with excellent eateries and high-end shops. •10am -1 0pm daily • E9

# Sungei Wang Plaza Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🖶 B Bintang

Tel: 03-2117 0288 Sungei Wang remains one of the busiest shopping centres for the last 2 decades. Linked directly to the Monorail, it has over 500 retail outlets and eateries. A great place to hunt for electrical and electronic products, mobile phones, fashionable street wear, shoes & accessories. The hip T-Hop zone at the 6th floor caters to trendy teenagers • 10am - 10pm daily • F8

Subang Parade Subang Jaya • 🖛 Subang Tel: 03-5633 2530 This suburban mall offers an interesting mix of stores with goods ranging from apparels to antiques, and music to jewellery. Ancho tenants include Toy 'R' Us and Parkson. Carrefour hypermarket is

located next door. 10am - 10pm daily.

# Great Eastern Mall

303 Jalan Ampang Tel: 03-4259 8090 Located along busy Jalan Ampang, this 6-storey mall has a host of shops including a pet shop, Aussino, British India and eateries like Starbucks and Alexis. It has Cold Storage as its anchor supermarket. • 11am - 9pm daily.

IPC Shopping Centre (Formerly Ikano) 2, Jalan PJU 7/2, Damansara Mutiara, PJ Tel: 03-2141 0500 Located near 1 Utama and linked to

IKEA, this centre only has XXL size stores. The 11 anchor tenants includes Harvey

# Hartamas Shopping Centre Plaza Damas, 60 Jalan Sri Hartamas 1

Tel: 03-6211 0611 Integrated with Plaza Damas & situated among retail shops, offices, serviced apartments and alfresco boulevards. Features Citi Super, SenQ and many other speciality retailers.

# Lot 10

50 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🖶 B Bintang Tel: 03-2143 6092 Linked to the Bukit Bintang Monorail station and Sungei Wang Plaza by an overhead bridge, Lot 10 offers an upmarket and wide selection of fashion wear. It has lsetan as anchor tenant • 10am - 9.30pm daily • F8

# Low Yat Plaza

Off Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🖶 B Bintang Tel: 03-2148 3651

Located next to the Federal Hotel, it has 250 tenants offering goods as varied as cameras, mobile phones, apparel, fashion accessories and antiques. This largest IT centre provides for all your computing needs. BB Park, located across the plaza and consisting of trendy restaurants and alfresco cafes, sees a hive of activities at night. • 10am - 10pm daily • F8

# **MINES Shopping Fair**

Seri Kembangan • GRTM Serdang Tel: 03-8949 6288 Cruise into the heart of a busy shopping mall with a vibrant mix of more than 300 retailers, fashion boutiques, F&B outlets, canal quay alfresco dining, IT & mobile aadaets and also leisure and entertainment facilities like a cinema, bowling alley and snooker centre. • 10am - 10pm daily.

Mid Valley Megamall Lingkaran Syed Putra • 🖅 Mid Valley Tel: 03-2938 3333 The shops go on and on in this mall strategically located between KL and PJ. It has Metrojaya, Jusco, Carrefour, Golden Screen Cinemas and MPH as anchor tenants, over 300 specialty stores and 70 F&B outlets under one roof. Adjacent to the mall are Cititel Mid Valley Hotel and Boulevard Hotel • 10am - 10pm daily.

# The Gardens

Mid Valley City • KTTM Mid Valley Tel : 03-2297 0288 10am - 10pm dayly

Sunway Putra Mall (Formerly The Mall) 100 Jalan Putra, KL • 🕅 PWTC Tel: 03-2786 9333 Located across the Seri Pacific Hotel and Putra World Trade Centre, the Mall has anchor tenant Parkson Grand together with a host of retailers, offering a full range of products, services, food & amusement to shoppers • 10am 10pm daily • B5

# DINE



STICK ARTS L1-K04/K05(p), Jalan Dulang, MINES Resort City, Seri Kembangan, 43300 Selangor

# Chinese

**Celestial** Court

03-2717 9988 🗑 M Tuanku 🔹 Sheraton Imperial Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • C6

Chynna 03-2264 2264 👮 KL Sentral • Hilton KL • Halal • Casual Dining • H3

**Dynasty** 03-2162 2233 ₪ B Nanas • East Wing, Renaissance Hotel Non-Halal 
 Casual Dinina 
 D7

# **Dynasty Dragon**

03-2145 1628 B Bintang • Time Square • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

# Hakka

03-21431907 # Raja Chulan 6 Jalan Kia Peng • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • E9 Imbi Palace

# 03-2145 4822 🗑 Imbi • Jalan Barat, off Jalan Imbi• Non-Halal • Casual Dining

• F8 Kim Ma

03-8946 2333 • Palace of the Golden Horses • The Mines Resort City • Halal Fine Dining • Cantonese cuisine

# Lai Po Heen

03-2179 8885 👷 KLCC • Mandarin Oriental Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • Cantonese • D8

# Lee Wong Kee

Bandaraya • 239 Jin Tuanku Abdul Rahman • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • Cantonese • D5 • 03-2692 2685

# Li Yen

03-2782 9033 # B Bintang • The Ritz Carlton Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F9

Maju Palace 03-2691 8822 With Mitanku Sismail • Level 5, Maju Junction Mall • Halal • Casual Dining • C5



**GRAVY BABY** 5A, Jalan Desa Jaya, Taman Desa, Kuala Lumpur.

**Mandarin Palace** 03-2148 9166 B Bintang • 2/F, Federal

Marco Polo 03-2141 2233 # Raja Chulan • 1/F, Wisma

# Meisan

Hotel City Centre • Jalan Raja Laut • Halal • Casual Dining • Szechuan

# **Ming Palace**

03-2161 8888 单 Ampang Park • Corus

03-2145 8822 🕫 Imbi• 19 Jalan Delima,

# Overseas

03-2144 9911 B Bintana • 84-88 Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

# **Purple Cane**

03-2272 3090 🕫 Maharajalela 🔹 Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall, 1 Jln Maharajalela • Halal • Casual Dining • G6

# **Xin Cuisine**

03-2144 2200 # B Nanas • Concorde Hotel • Non-Halal • Private Dining D7

# French Café Café

03-2141 8141 Maharajalela • 175 Jalan Maharaialela • Halal • Fine Dining • Fr & Italian • H7

# Fusion

Cilantro 03-2179 8082 • MiCasa All Suite Hotel, 368B Jalan Tun Razak • Pork-Free • Halal • Fine Dining • D10

# **Etoile Bistro**

03-2161 7777 🗑 R Chulan • Hotel Equatorial • Halal • Casual Dinina • E8

# Frangipani

03-2144 3001 🕫 B Bintang • 25, Changkat Bkt Bintang • Halal • Fine Dining

# Isthmus

03-2282 8112 • Mid Valley • G/F, Northpoint, Mid Valley City • Thai & Nyonya • Pork-Free • Casual Dining • F8

03-2719 8535 # B Bintana • Lower G/F. Starhill Gallery • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

Indian

# Estana Curry House 03-2141 1958 - Raja Chulan • 23D, Jin Sultan Ismail • Halal • Casual Dining • C6

Khaana Peena 03-6201 3355 • E-01-04, Plaza Mont Kiara North Indian • Halal • Casual Dining

Passage Thru' India 03-2145 0366 • 4, Jln Delima,kl Halal • Casual Dining • E10

Spice Garden Imperial 03-2142 2220 🖶 B. Bintang • 205 Jln Bkt Bintana.

Indonesia

# House of Sundanese Sari Ratu 03-2166 2272 🖷 4th Floor KLCC

International

# 03-2717 9900 🗑 M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial • Halal • Casual Dining • C6

The Resort Cafe 03 - 7495 2009 . Lobby Level, Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa \*Pork-Free Restaurant

# Eight Gourmets Gala (EGG)

017 948 8684 . Suite G-01, Ground Floor, Pinnacle Annexe, Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500, Selangor

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# Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

Lim Foo Yong, Jalan Raja Chulan • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • E8

03-2693 9233 🖩 Bandaraya • Quality cuisine

Hotel, Jin Ampang • Casual Dining

# **Ming Room**

03-2284 8822 <sup>©</sup> Bangsar• Bangsar Shopping Centre • Non-Halal Casual Dinina

# **Oriental Noble House**

Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

# **HOTELS** & RESORTS

Maya Brasserie 03-2711 8866 B Nanas KLCC • Hotel Maya KL • Halal • Casual Dining • Nyonya & International • D8

**Melting Pot** 

03-2144 2200 
B NanasConcorde Hotel, 2 Jin Sultan Ismail • Halal • 24hour • Casual Dining • D7

**Still Water Restaurant** 03-27118866 ₪ B Nanas 👷 KLCC • Hotel Maya KL • Halal • Casual Dining • Japanese & Western • D8

# The Vogue

03-2162 2233 # B Nanas Renaissance Hotel • Halal Casual Dinina

# **PNB Darby Cafe**

03-7490 3838 😂 Ampang Park • G/F, PNB Darby Park, Executive Suites, 10 Jalan Binjai • Halal • Casual Dining •D9

# **HOTEL & RESORT** \*\*\*\*

# Ascott KL

03-2718 6868 9, Jalan Pinang • 🗟 R Chulan • From RM380-RM790

## Berjaya Times Square Hotel & éntionCentre Cor

03-2117 8000 • 1 Jalan Imbi • 🖥 Imbi • Big Apple Restaurant (Fusion) Broadway Lounge, The Cafe, The Bar, • From RM245-RM700 • F8 • www.timesquarekl. com

Seri Pacific Hotel Kuala Lumpur

03-4042 5555 • Jalan Putra E PWTC Zende (Int'l), Kokufu (Jap), lounge to Chereza From RM198++ to RM3,000 • B5 www.seripacifichotel.com

# **Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur**

03-2182 1234 • Jalan Pinang Start KLCC • JP Teres (Malaysian), THIRTY8 (International), Poolside From RM550 - RM5610 www.kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com

# The Westin KL

03-2731 8333 199 • Jalan Bukit Bintang B Bintang • Prego [Ita], Living Room (Int'I), Qba (Bar & Grill), Treats (gournet bakery), Eest (Pan Asian) • From RM480-RM7,000 • E9 • www.westin.com

# **Grand Millennium KL**

03-2117 4888 • 160, Jalan Bukit Bintang • Bukit Bintang • Zing (Chi), The Mill (Int'l)
 From RM300-RM5,600 • www.millenniumhotel.com

# Hilton KL

03-2264 2264 • 3, Jin Stesen • Sentral, KL Sentral • 🖶 🗟 🕼 KL Sentral • Chynna(Chi), Senses (Fusion), Noodle Room, Sudu, Zeta Bar, Vintage Bank • From RM385-RM605 • G3 www1.hilton.com

# Hilton PJ

03-7955 9122 • 2 Jalan Barat, PJ • 🔶 Asia Jaya • Toh Yuen (Chi), Paya Serai Coffee House, Genji (Jap), Caffè Cino, Uncle Chilli's • From RM220–RM1685

# Holiday Inn Kuala Lumpur Glenm

03-7802 5200 • 1 Jalan Usahawan U1/8, Shah Alam •Fu-Rin (Jap), Kites (Int'I), The Mix Restaurant & Bar • From RM290 • www.holidayinn.com/glenmarie

# Italian

Cellini's

03-2715 1000 B Bintang • Dorsett Regency Hotel • 172 Jalan Imbi • Halal • Casual Dining • F9

# il Tempio

03-4256 9300 • Tamarind Springs Restaurant • Halal • Fine Dining

# La Risata

03-4252 6269 • 26, Persiaran Ampang Halal 
 Casual Dining

# Prego

03-2773 8338 B Bintang • The Westin Hotel • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

Villa Danieli 03-2717 9922 # M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial Hotel • Halal • Italian • Fine Dining • C6

# Japanese

Benkay 03-2782 6118 👷 Ampang Park • Hotel Nikko • Halal • Casual Dining • C9

# Gen

03-4042 9888 E PWTC • Sunway Putra Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining • B5

# Genki Sushi

03-2166 6220 👷 KLCC • 428 Level 4, Suria KLCC • Halal • Casual Dining

# Iketeru

03-2264 2264 🖶 Stesen Sentral KL Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3 Jln Stesen Sentral

# Kampachi

03-2148 9608 B Raja Chulan • Pavilion KL

# Kokufu 03-4049 4412 PWTC • Pan Pacific Kuala

Lumpur • Halal • Fine Dining Komura 03-2161 8888 👷 Ampang Park Corus Hotel

# Casual Dining C9

Ozeki Tokyo Cuizine 03-2166 4263 🕫 B Nanas • Menara TA One • Halal • Fine Dining • D8

# **National Monument**

Jalan Tugu, off Jalan Parlimen • Designed by American artist, Felix Weldon and cast in Italy, the immense bronze structure was built to commemorate the servicemen who lost their lives during the struggle against the communist insurgency in the 1950's. The 7 soldiers symbolise unity, strength, leadership, sacrifice, courage, suffering and vigilance • E3



03-2162 2233 # B Nanas • Renaissance Hotel • Halal • Casual Dining

# Korean Da On 03-2141 2100 # B Bintang • Pavilion KL • Halal • Fine Dining • Korean • E8

**Ko Hiang** 03-4251 0492 • 314 Jalan Ampang Non-Halal 
 Casual Dining

# Koong Jung

03-2166 7181 🕏 Ampang Park • PNB Darby Park • Halal • D9

# Koryo Won

03-2143 2189 🖶 Bukit Bintang • Starhill Gallery • Halal • Casual Dining • E8

# Thai Rama V Fine Thai Cuisine

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# Istana Neaara, Jalan Duta

Located along Jalan Duta, it is the official residence of Malaysia's king since Nov 11, 2011. Influenced by both Islamic and traditional Malay architecture, this unique structure is the latest addition to the country's architectural wonders.



# Little India

Masiid Jamek • Jalan Masiid India is a colourful street with numerous wholesale and retail Indian traders who sell everything from Indian brass, jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes & spices. • E5



Jamek Mosque Jalan Tun Perak • Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old mosque was designed by British architect AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates many features of Moghul architecture a • Opens 8am-1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.



# **KL** Tower

03-2020 5499 Bukit Nanas • Jalan Punchak, off Jalan P Ramlee. • The KL Tower stands at 421 metres. The tower houses a revolving restaurant and an observation deck which takes 58 seconds to reach. Catch the sunset or experience sky jumping from the tower roof. • Opens 9am 10pm daily • E7

# **HOTELS** & RESORTS

# **Sheraton Imperial KL**

03-2717 9900 • Jin Sultan Ismail • # M Tuanku • Essence (Int'I), Villa Danieli (Ita), Celestial Court (Chi) • From RM300-RM5,825 • D6

# Hotel Istana

03-2141 9988 • 73, Jalan Raja Chulan • 🕫 R Chulan • Peach Garden (Chi), Urban Bistro (Aus), Taman Sari (Int'I) • From RM299-RM5000 • E8 • www.hotelistana. com.my

Hotel Maya KL 03-2711 8866 • Jalan Ampang • ⊕ Bukit Nanas © KLCC • Still Waters, Maya Brasserie, Ramah Tamah • From RM325-RM1,800 • D8 www.hotelmaya.com.my

# InterContinental KL

03-2161 1111 • 165, Jalan Ampang • 😒 Ampang Park • Serena Brasserie, Tao (chi) , Tatsu (Jap), Bentley's Pub Lobby Lounge & The Deli • From RM330-RM12,500 • C9

www.intercontinental.com

# JW Marriott Hotel KL

03-2715 9000 • 183 Jalan Bukit Bintang • 🖶 B Bintang • 3rd Floor (Int'I), Marriott Café, Shanghai (Chi), JW Marriott Gourmet (Int'I), Havana Club • From RM400- RM8.000 • F9 www.marriott.com

# Le Meridien KL

03-2263 7888 • 2, Jin Stesen Sentral 5, KL Sentral • 🕫 👷 🚛 KL Sentral • One On One (Asian Fusion), Al Nafourah (Middle Eastern), The Conservatory (Lounge & Bar) • From RM 328- RM5,500 • H3 www.lemeridienkualalumpur.com

# Mandarin Oriental Hotel

03-2380 8888 • KL City Centre • € KLCC •Lai Po Heen (Ch), Mandarin Grill and Mo Bar (Bar & Grill), Mosaic (Buffet), The Mandarin Cake Shop, Cascades (Int'I), Wasabi Bistro (Jap) • From RM409(internet)/RM499(phone) • D8 www.mandarinoriental.com

# Palace Beach and Spa

03-8943 6688 • Jalan Dulang, Mines Resort City, Seri Kembangan, Selangor • GRTTM Serdang • Abdul and Charlie's (local), Cheng Ho Court (Chi), Beach Hut and Sunset Lounge (drinks and snacks) • From RM200-RM2000

# Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA

03-8787 3333 • Kuala Lumpur International Airport • ≦...KLIA Degrees (Int), Traveller's Bar & Grill, Palmz Lounge (Wn) • From RM570++ www.samasamahotels.com

# Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur

03-2147 0088 Jin Sultan Ismail • 🖶 B Bintang • Chatz Brasserie (Wn), Bossa Nova (Wn), Hot Gossip, Si Chuan Dou Hua (Chi), Klix Lounge • From RM270 • www.parkroyalhotels.com

# **PNB Darby Park Executive Suites**

03-7490 3333 • 10, Jln Binjai • 🔶 Ampang Park •The 39 Restaurant, Minmax (Chi), Koong Jung (Jap/Korean) • From RM350-RM686 • D9

www.pnbdarbyparksuites-kl.com

# Puliman Kuala Lumpur

03-2170 8888 • 4, Jalan Conlay • 🗟 Raja Chulan •Tai Zi Heen (Chi), Eccucino (Café), Enju (Jap) • From RM270-RM670 • E9• www.princehotelkl.com

# **Renaissance KL**

03-2162 2233 • Corner of Jln S. Ismail/ Jin Ampang • 🖩 B Nanas •Sagano(Jap), MED@Marche(Med), Vogue (Int'I) • East Wing: Dynasty (Chi), TEMPTationS (Int'l) • From RM215-RM6,000 • D7

# Shanari-La Hotel KL

03-2032 2388 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🕫 B Nanas • Shang Palace (Chi), Zipangu (Jap), Lafite (Fr), Lemon Garden Café (Int'l), The Pub • From RM364-RM12,000 • D7 • www.shangri-la.com

# Sheraton Imperial Hotel

03-2717 9900 Jin Sultan Ismail • 🗑 M Tuanku • Essence (Int'I), Villa Danieli (Ita), Calestial Court (Chi) • From RM300-RM5.8250 • D6

# Seri Bukit Ceylon

03-2724 0408• No 8, Lorong Ceylon off Jalan Raja Chulan • NeroTeca (Ita) • From RM250-RM480 • E7

# The Gardens Hotel & Residences

03-2268 1188 • Mid Valley City • GKTM Mid Valley • The Soread (Int'l), Sage Restaurant & Wine Bar (Fr & Jap) • From RM600-RM2,600 • www.gardenshtires. com

# Sunway Putra Hotel (Formerly The Legend Hotel)

03-4042 9888 • Putra Place, 100 Jalan Putra • PWTC • Museum (Chi), Di-Atas Brasserie (Int'I), Gen (Jap), Monkey Bar • From RM188-RM388 • B5 • www. legendhotelkl.com

# **The Ritz-Carlton KL**

03-2142 8000 • 168, Jalan Imbi • 🗑 B Bintang • Li Yen (Chi), Rossini's (Ita) • From RM418 • F9 • www.ritz-carlton.com

# The Ritz-Carlton Residences

03-2142 9000 • # B Bintang • From RM950-RM1,330 • F9

# The Royal Chulan

03-2688 9688 • Jalan Conlay • 🕫 R Chulan • Deli Cafe (Ita), Bunga Emas (Mas), L'Heritage (Fr) • F6 • www. therovalchulan.com.mv

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# Ancasa Hotel KL

03-2026 6060 • Jin Tun Tan Cheng Lock • 🛛 Plaza Rakyat • Saffron Brasserie and BabaReebal • Ancasa Spa • From RM165-RM416 • www.ancasa-hotel.com

# **Boulevard Hotel**

03-2295 8111/2295 8000 Grow Mid Valley City, Lingkaran Syed Putra • Mid Valley •Wild Rice (Int'l) • Rates from RM290Nett - RM420Nett • www.blvhotel.com

# **Concorde Hotel**

03-2144 2200 • 2 Jalan Sultan Ismail • B Nanas • Spices (Western), Melting Pot (Int'I), Xin (Chi) • From RM178++-RM320++ • D7

# **Coronade Hotel KL**

03-2148 6888 • Jalan Walter Grenier, Bkt Bintang • 🖶 B Bintang • Makan-Makan (Local & Int'l), The Kasturi (Malay), Lobby Lounge. • From RM208- RM500 • F8 www.coronade.com

# **Corus Hotel KL**

03-2161 8888 • Jalan Ampang • 👮 Ampang Park • Ming Palace(Chi), Dondang Sayang (Int'I), Komura (Jap) • From RM185-RM390 • C9 • www. corushotelkl.com

**Dorsett Regency** 03-2716 1000 • 172, Jalan Imbi • • • B Bintang • Checker's (Café), Cellini's(Ita), Windows Lounge (Wn) • From RM200



onwards • F9 www.dorsettregency-kl.com

# Federal Hotel

03-2148 9166 • 35, Jalan Bukit Bintang • ■ B Bintang • Mandarin Palace (Chi), The Verandah (Int'l) Revolving Bintang (European) • From RM170-RM600 • F8 www.fhihotels.com

# **Grand Seasons**

O'Las (Indian), Lobby Lounge (Wn), Kas Bah Bar (Wn) • From RM150-RM348 • B6

# Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa

03-2147 1111 • 13 Jin Pinang • 🗑 R Chulan • Tonka Bean Cafe (Int'l) • From RM219-RM368 • D8 • www.impiana.com

Novotel City Centre KL 03-2147 0888 • 2 Jln Kia Peng • • R Chulan • Qing Zhen (Chi Muslim), The Square (Int'l), Fun Pub, Al Fresco • From RM260-RM660 • F8 www.novotel.com

# **Pacific Regency Hotel Suites**

03-2332 7777 • Menara PanGlobal, Jalan Punchak • 🕫 B Nanas • Soi 23 Luna, Olive & Geo Café • From RM290-RM500 • D7 www.pacific-regency.com

Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa 03-7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon Bandar Sunway Petaling Jaya

# **Quality Hotel City Centre**

03-2614 8000 • Jalan Raja Laut • 🛽 DBKL Benteng Coffee House (Int'l), Meisan Szechuan (Chi), Club 300 • From RM150-RM550 • C5 • www.qualiti.com.my

# **Swiss Garden Hotel**

03-2141 3333 • 117, Jin Pudu • 🗑 Hang Tuah • Blue Chip Lounge (Int'I), Flavours Restaurant (Int'I), Green Treats Delicatessen (Int'I), T@ste 6 Restaurant (Int'l) . From 470+

# The Royale Bintang KL

03-2143 9898 17-21 Jalan Bukit Bintang • B Bintang • Sunflowers Brasserie, Cafe Royale & Bar, Rimba Spa • From RM208 • F8 • www.royale-bintang-hotel.com.my

The Royale Bintang Damansara 03-7843 1111 • 6, Jalan PJU 7/3, Mutiara Damansara • The Restaurant (Int'l), Mystery Pub & Café • From RM195 www.royalebintang.com.my

# The ZON All Suites Residences on the Park

03-2164 8000 • 161D Jalan Ampang • 🗟 Ampang Park • Terracotta Restaurant & Lounge • From RM253-RM396 • D8 www.zonhotel.com.my

# **Traders Hotel**

03-2332 9888 • Kuala Lumpur City Centre

€ KLCC • Gobo Chit Chat, Gobo Upstairs, Sky Bar, Lounge & Grill • From RM270 • This hotel is located in the vicinity of KL Convention Centre • D8

# Vistana KL

03-4042 8000 • 9 Jalan Lumut, off Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur • 🖶 Titiwangsa • Vistana (Asian) • From RM172-RM230 • A5 • www.vistanahotels.com

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Alpha Genesis 03-2141 2000 • 45 Tengkat Tong Shin • # B Bintang • Tee Box Café • From RM150-RM380 • F7 • www. alphagenesishotel.com

# **Cititel Mid Valley**

03-2296 1188 • Mid Valley, Lingkaran Syed Putra • Grow Mid Valley • Citi Café Rates from RM205Nett - RM320Nett

# Corona Inn

03-2144 3888 • 22, Jalan Tong Shin • 🖷 B Bintang • Corona Café • From RM130-RM180 • F8 • www.coronainn-kuala lumpur.com

# **Grand Continental**

03-2693 9333 • Jin Belia/Jin Raja Laut • PWTC M Tuanku • Grand Star (Chi) , Lai Marble Coffeehouse • From RM135-RM800 • C5 www.ghihotels.com.my

03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands •

Patio (Wn) • From RM85 – RM460

istorante Torcello's (Italian), Lakeview Seafood Restaurant (Seafood), The

03-2072 7722 • 162, Jalan Hang Lekir • 👷 Pasar Seni • Malaya Café • From

RM120-RM250 • F5 • www.hotelmalaya.

03-2273 9999 • 8, Jalan Kampung Attap

Maharajalela • Attapia Coffee

03-2713 7887 • 23 Lrg Medan Tuanku

1,off Jln Sultan Ismail • 🕫 M Tuanku •

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# **First World Hotel**

Hotel Malaya

com.my

Midah KL

House (Int'l),

Prescott Inn

Makana Restaurant

Rolling Good Times Café

• From RM145-RM250 • G5

From RM110-RM170 • C5

# SIGHTSEEING

# Swiss-Inn KL

03-2072 3333 • 62, Jin Sultan • 🖷 Maharajalela Café Petaling • From RM130-RM175 • G6

# The Plaza Hotel

03-2698 2255 • Jalan Raja Laut • 🛽 Sultan Ismail • Pago-Pago Café (Continental), Plaza Court (Chi) • From RM110-RM178

# SIGHTSEEING

Aquaria KLCC 03-2333 1888 • 🗟 Raja Chulan 🌈 KLCC • All 60,000 sq ft of Aquaria encompasses Evolution, Jewels of the Jungle, Deep Forest, The Coasts and Touch Pool, The Livingb Oceans and The Living Reef, with over 5000 aquatic and land-bound animals representing over 150 different species. Don't miss the 90-metre underwater tunnel. Opens daily from 11am-8pm. (Including weekends, school and public holidays) Last admission at 7pm. Entry RM38 (adult), RM26 (children) • D8



**Craft Complex** 

03-2164 8344 🗑 Raja Chulan • 63, Jalan Conlay. • Showcases ethnic handicrafts, batik printing and pottery from the 13 states of Malaysia. • Opens 9am- 6pm daily. • E9 FREE

# **Lake Gardens**

Jalan Parlimen • Located near the city centre, this 9.2ha landscaped garden is built around a lake. Several attractions are found within the park including an Orchid Garden, Hibiscus Garden, Butterfly Park, Bird Park, Deer Park, National Monument and the Asean Sculpture Garden • F3

# **Malaysian Tourism Centre**

03-9235 4848 • 🕫 B Nanas • 109 Jalan Ampang • This is a one-stop tourist service centre comprising the information counter (7am-10pm) Transnasional Executive Coach counter. domestic tour booking counter, money changer, restaurant and craft demo centre. Built in 1935, the building was the home of wealthy tin-miner and planter, Eu Tong Seng. Cultural shows are on Tues, Thur, Sat & Sun 2-2.30pm. • D7

# Merdeka Square

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Raja • Opposite the Sultan Abdul Samad Building, this is the site where the independence of Malaya was declared on 31 August, 1957. The 100m high flagpole is the tallest in the world. Live entertainment and cultural shows are staged here on festive occasions. The Royal Selangor Club and St. Mary's Cathedral are located nearby. • E5

# **Batu Caves**

03-6189 6284 • This popular Hindu temple draws hundreds of thousand of visitors during Thaipusam. It consists of three grand caves: the Dark Cave, the Museum Cave and the Temple Cave with brilliant rock formations. The Museum Cave at the foothills has interesting display of Indian mythology. To reach the main Temple Cave, one has to climb 272 steps

# **Bird Park**

03-2272 1010 • Located at the Lake Gardens, this 8.4ha bird park is the world's largest free-flight walk-in aviary. It is home to more than 3,000 birds from approximately 200 species. Opens daily from 9am-6.00pm . F4

**Telekom Museum** 

designs over the years.

**National Science Centre** 

**National Mosque** 

🕫 Raja Chulan • Jalan Raja Chulan

Displays interesting exhibits of telephones and evolution of their

Opens 9am-5pm. Closed on Mondays

03-2092 1150 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara •

themes. Offers interesting interactive

Houses 9 galleries with different scientific

displays for learning and entertainment.

Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday.

03-2693 7784 • 🥽 KL • Jalan Perdana

This mosque embodies contemporary

designs, together with traditional Islamic

unified by the Five Pillars of Islam. Visitors

must dress conservatively and remove

their shoes before entering the mosque

• Opens 9am to 12noon; 3pm to 4pm;

03-2273 4303 • Lot 54 Jalan Perdana •

Located close to the National Mosaue,

the attractions include space science

and astronomy exhibits, a theatre

screening 3-Dimensional movies, a

viewing gallery and an observatory

Admission is RM1 for adults and children

over 12 years [extra charges for all shows]. Opens 9:30am to 4:15pm daily.

Closed on Monday except public &

5:30pm to 6:30pm daily. • F4

**National Planetarium** 

school holidays • G4

art, calligraphy and ornamentation.

The main dome with its 18-point star.

represents the 13 states of Malaysia

03-2031 9966

• E6 FREE

Butterfly Park 03-2693 4799 • Over 120 species of butterflies can be found in this park located at the Lake Gardens' vicinity. Admission is RM9 for adults and RM2 for children. Camera: RM3. Opens 9am to 6pm daily. • F4

# **Bukit Nanas Forest Recreational** Park 03-2306 3421 / 2064 4741 • 🖶 Bukit Nanas

 Nestled in the heart of KL, the virgin forest-clad hill is a 10.5 ha park offering a 10-minute & a 20-minute walk trails from the Forest Information Centre at Jalan Raia Chulan to KL Tower. • E7

# **Central Market**

03-2274 6542 • Pasar Seni Once the city's biggest wet market, it is now a centre for food and cultural activities. Cultural performances are staged during weekends at the riverside amphitheatre. Handicraft, souvenirs, art & portrait paintings are sold at bargain prices. The Annexe Gallery at CM is a progressive art centre. • Opens 10am to 10pm daily. E5

# **Deer Park**

03-2693 6661 • Enclosed within a 2-ha ground at the Lake Gardens, the deer, fawns and does roam freely in a cool and peaceful habitat with lush trees and shrubs and ponds. • F3



# **Sultan Abdul Samad Building**

Masjid Jamek • Jln Sultan Hishamuddin • Also known as the Big Ben of KL, this historical landmark and heritage building is well known for its Moghul architecture dating back to 1897. Originally the offices of the Colonial Secretariat, it then housed the Supreme Court. • E5

# National Zoo

03-4108 3427 / 4108 3422 • Located in Hulu Kelang, 12km from the city centre, the zoo is home to 400 species of local birds, mammals, reptiles and fishes. • Opens 9am - 5pm daily. Night Zoo is on Saturdays 7.30am - 10.30pm. Admission RM 32 for adults and RM11 for children 3 to 12 years old

Old KL Railway Station Jalan Hishammudin • Built in 1910, the Moghul-inspired building was a hub for Malaysian rail transport until it was replaced by the new KL Sentral Station. It remains a landmark and the refurbished Heritage Hotel is still open for business. Across the road, the Malaysian Railway administrative building is also a breathtaking architectural showpiece • G5

Petrosains, The Discovery Centre 03-2331 8181 • *F* KLCC • Petronas Twin Towers, Level 4 Suria KLCC • Focusing on Malaysia's oil and gas industry, it offers an interactive approach to learning. It takes you through a unique voyage of discovery of science. • Opens daily 9.30am to 6pm. Last admission 4.30pm. Closed on Monday • D8

# Istana Negara

Official residence of Malaysia's King, visitors can witness the changing of the royal guards daily. The Rulers Conference, various royal and national ceremonies, investitures and official banquets are held at this palace. • H5

# Little India

🜈 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India is a colourful street with numerous wholesale and retail Indian traders who sell everything from Indian brass, jewellery, sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes & spices. • E5

# **Jamek Mosque**

 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Tun Perak
 Situated at the confluence of the Klang and Gombak rivers, this grand old mosque was designed by British architect AB Hubbock in 1909. It incorporates many features of Moghul architecture a • Opens 8am-1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm. • E5



**PETRONAS Twin Towers** 03-26158188 KLCC • KL City Centre • The 88-storey Petronas Twin Towers stand at 451.9 metres. Seated in the heart of KL

and amidst a 50-hectare landscaped park, a skybridge on the 41st floor is open to visitors between 9am-7pm daily, closed on Monday • D8

# Royal Selangor Visitor's Centre

03-4145 6000 • 4, Jalan Usahawan Enam, Setapak Jaya • Located 15 minutes from the city centre, the Royal Selangor which is internationally known for its fine designs and craftsmanship, offers a complete visitor experience, enabling them to see, hear, touch and learn how pewter is made. • Opens daily from 9am-5pm.

# Royal Selangor Club

03-2692 7166 • 🌈 Masjid Jamek • Jalan Raja • Once nicknamed 'The Spotted Dog' during the colonial days, this club which features Mock Tudor architecture. is one of the oldest membership clubs in KL. • E5

# Thean Hou Temple

03-2274 7088 • 65 Persiaran Endah, off Jalan Syed Putra • A beautiful blend of Chinese and contemporary architecture, this is one of the largest and most ornate Buddhist temples in the region and a venue for major religious festivals. Also check out the herbs garden, wishing well and souvenir stall • Opens 9am to 9pm daily.

# **MUSEUMS**

# Asian Arts Museum Universiti Malaya

03-7967 3805 • Uni. of Malaya • A unique collection of Asian art & sculptures, ceramics, including Islamic & Malay art and textiles • Opens Mon - Sat. Closed on Sunday & public hols.

# Forest Research Institute Malaysia

03-62797 000 • Kepong • Located within the 1,500 hectares of natural land reserve, the institute showcases Malaysia's rich forest heritage. • Opens 8am-4pm. Fri 9am- 12pm.

Heritage Centre 03-2144 9273 • 2 Jln Stonor • Showcases Malaysia's architectural heritage, the centre also conducts 2 guided tours a day (11am & 3pm) of the Rumah Penghulu or Village Head's abode which has been furnished to reflect a house in the early thirties • E10

# Islamic Arts Museum

03-2274 2020 • Jalan Lembah Perdana • Opened in 1998, the museum focuses on the rich diversity of Islamic arts and culture. Miniature replicas of Taj Mahal and other islamic architectural wonders are on display • Tickets at RM12 (adults), RM6 (under 18, students & senior citizens) Opens 10am to 6pm daily. 
 G4

Museum Orang Asli 03-6189 2122 • Km 24 Gombak • Displays a collection of over 3,000 artifacts showcasing the history, culture & lifestyle of indigenous tribes of Peninsular Malaysia. • Opens 9am-5pm. Closed Fri FRFF

# National Museum

03-2267 1111• 29 Jalan Raja • Displays a unique permanent collection of artifacts and materials showcasing the history and heritage of Malaysia • Opens 9am to 6pm daily • Admission RM1. Free for <12 yrs & students

# **ARTS & CULTURE**

National Library 03-2687 1700 • 232 Jalan Tun Razak. • This 7-storey building which blends traditional design with modern architectural elements houses more than 1.5 million books, some of them extremely rare. Opens daily except Monday
 • A8 FREE

# Galeri Petronas

03-2051 7770 • FKLCC • Level 3 Suria KLCC. • Exhibits artworks by local and international artists. Opens 10am to 8pm. Closed on Monday. • D8 FREE

# National Theatre (Istana Budaya)

03-4026 5555 • Jalan Tun Razak • Designed by Malaysian architect Muhammad Kamar Ya'akub, this modern theatre is one of the world's most sophisticated theatres with state-of-the-art stage equipment. It holds drama, dance and musical performances regularly.• A7

Petronas Philharmonic Hall 03-2331 7007• J KLCC • Located within the Petronas Twin Towers, it is home to the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the National Choir. It features performances of highest quality by visiting orchestras and world-renowned soloists, besides performances by the MPO which now ranks among the top orchestras in the region • D8

# **OTHER FUN-TASTIC THRILLS & SPILLS**

# Casino

03-2718 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

# D'Paradise

063, Jalan Solok Uban, Kampung Brisu, Lubok China, 78100 Melaka. 06-552 8010/0611 (Resort), 03-4251 8199 (KL Sales Office) www.d-paradise.com.my

# Flying

03-2141 1934 • Royal Selangor Flying Club

# **Horse Racing**

03-9058 3888 • Selangor Turf Club, Jin Sungai Besi

Horse Riding 03-4256 4531 • Royal Selangor Polo Club, Jin Ampang Hilir

03-2094 1222• Bukit Kiara Equestrian Club, Jin Bukit Kiara, Kuala Lumpur

# **Theme Parks**

09-288 8890 • Colmar Tropicale, Bkt Tinggi

03-71188338 • Desa Water Park, Tmn Desa

03-8942 5021• The Mines Wonderland



Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery Sasana Kijang No. 2, Jalan Dato Onn, 50480 Kuala Lumpur Opening Hours: 10am to 6pm daily For Enquiries Call: 03-9179 2784



University of Malaya Art Gallery (UMAG) Tingkat 5, Bangunan Canseleri, Universiti Malaya, Petaling Jaya Tel: 03-79671061 Opening Hours: 9.00am to 4.00pm Closed on: Saturday and Sunday



# Galeri Tenaga Wisma TNB, Jalan Timur, Petaling Jaya Tel: +603-2296 5566 Fax: +603-2282 3274 Opening Hours: Monday - Friday : 10 am - 3 pm.



**KL Lifestyle Art Space** 31 Jalan Utara, 46200 Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia

> Tel: +603 2093 2668, +603 2094 2668 Email: info@mediate.com.mv

Open Monday - Friday, 10am - 7pm (Closed on Weekends and Public Holidays)





# EXPLORE KUALA LUMPUR

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- Tel: 2142 8133 F8 2 Alpha Genesis Hotel
- Tel: 2142 6868 F7 **3** Berjaya Times Square **Hotel & Convention Centre**
- Tel: 2117 8000 F8 4 Brisdale International Hotel
- Tel: 2694 8833 B6 **5** Capitol Hotel
- Tel: 22143 7000 F8
- Carcosa Seri Negara Tel: 2282 1888 F8
- 7 Cardogan Hotel Tel: 2144 4883 F8
- 8 **Concorde Hotel** Tel: 2144 2200 D7
- 9 Corona Inn Tel: 2144 3888 F7
- 10 Coronade Hotel Tel: 2148 6888 F8 11 Corus Hotel
- Tel: 2161 8888 C9
- **12 Doubletree Hilton Kuala Lumpur** Tel: 2172 7272 C10
- **13 Crown Regency Hotel** Tel: 2162 3888 D8
- 14 Crowne Plaza Kuala Lumpur Tel: 2148 2322 E8
- 15 Dorsett Regency Hotel Tel: 2715 1000 F9
- 16 Dynasty Hotel Tel: 4043 7777 A4
- **17 Equatorial Hotel** Tel: 2161 7777 E8
- **18 Federal Hotel** Tel: 2148 9166 F8
- **19 Fortuna Hotel** Tel: 2141 9111 F8
- 20 Grand Central Hotel Tel: 4041 3011 B5
- **21** Grand Continental Hotel Tel: 2693 9333 C5
- 22 Grand Millenium KL Tel: 2141 8000 E8
- 23 Grand Pacific Hotel Tel: 4042 2177 A5 24 Grand Seasons Hotel
- Tel: 2697 8888 B6

1. Ampang Park

2. Avenue K

4. City Square

Tel: 03- 2698 2111 D5

Tel: 03-2072 2562 F6

6. Kompleks Kotaraya

5. KL Sogo

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- 25 Hilton KL Tel: 2264 2264 G3
- 26 Hotel Istana Tel: 2141 9988 E8 27 Hotel Maya Kuala Lumpur
- Tel: 2711 8866 D8 28 Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa
- Tel: 2147 1111 D8 29 JW Marriott Hotel
- Tel: 2715 9000 E9 30 Kuala Lumpur **International Hotel**
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- 32 Malaya Hotel Tel: 2072 772 F5
- 33 Malaysia Hotel Tel: 2142 8033 F8
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- **35 Mandarin Court Hotel** Tel: 2273 9933 G6
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- 43 Olympic Sports Hotel Tel: 2078 7888 F7
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- Tel: 2332 7777 D7 45 Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur Tel: 2147 0088 F8
- 46 PNB Darby Park **Executive Suites** Tel: 7490 3333 D10
- **Residence Kuala Lumpur** Tel: 2170 8888 D10

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- 49 Renaissance **Kuala Lumpur Hotel** Tel: 2162 2233 D7
- **50** Residence Hotel Tel: 2693 3333 C5
- 51 Ritz-Carlton Kuala Lumpur Hotel Tel: 2142 8000 F9
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- 53 Shangri-La Hotel Tel: 2032 2388 D7
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- Tel: 03-2162 3580 E9 16. Yow Chuan Plaza Tel: 03-2142 9701 C10



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  - 8. Low Yat Plaza Tel: 03-2162 1176 F8 9. Maju Junction Tel: 03-2772 8550 C5 10. Pertama Complex Tel: 03-2691 6599 D5 11. Starhill Gallery Tel: 03-2148 1000 F8
  - 12. Sungei Wang Plaza Tel: 03-2148 6109 F8 Tel: 03-2382 2828 D8 14. The Mall

- Shopping Malls:
- Tel: 03-2161 7006 C10
- Tel: 03-2166 7888 C9 3. Berjaya Times Square Tel: 1-300-888-988 E9
- Tel: 03-2162 1566 C10
- - - 13. Suria KLCC
      - Tel: 03-4042 7122 B5

- 15. The Weld

Getting around in Kuala Lumpur is easy. The transit systems are efficient, taxis are plenty and buses are cheap. The public transportation usage peak hours are from 7am to 9am and 4.30pm to 6.30pm during the working days.

# 🔀 By Transit systems

The KL monorail and LRT coaches are air-conditioned and comfortable and run from 6am to midnight. The systems are connected to each other at several points and the network covers most parts of the city. Fares range from RM0.70 to RM2.80 per single journey.

# By Taxis

Taxis are easily available at hotels or at taxi stands. Fares start at RM3 for the first kilometre and RM0.10 for every 115 metres thereon. There is a 50% surcharge on the metered fare from midnight to 6am and a baggage charge of RM1 per piece stored in the boot. There is also an additional RM1 for 3rd passenger (maximum 4 in a car). For an extra charge of RM2, you can book a taxi by phone.

# By Ecovans

Ecovans can accommodate up to 5 passengers. They serve mainly guests at major hotels and follow the fare structure of taxis but charge RM4 instead of RM2 for the first kilometre.

# By Buses

Buses serve all parts of Kuala Lumpur with fares beginning from RM1. Some hotels also offer free bus shuttle services to major shopping malls in the city.

# KL Hop-on/Hop-off Bus Service

Links you to 40 attractions around the city with 22 designated stops. 8.30am to 8.30pm. Ticket: RM38 with discounts for locals, senior citizens, students and children. 03-2691 1382

# Getting to the Airport

KLIA Ekspres: The journey takes about 30 minutes from KL Sentral and the fare is RM35 per person per way. There is also check-in facility at KL Sentral for some airlines.

Taxi: The fare from the city centre to the airport is RM60 - RM90 per taxi.

Eco Transit: Eco Transit can accommodate up to 5 adults and has a fixed fare of RM130/ trip.

Limousine: Can be arranged with the hotel concierge and fare range from RM100 - RM200.

Coaches To KLIA and/or LCCT

The 1-hour journey costs between RM9 and RM25 per person.

- Airport Coach 03-8787 3894
- Sky Bus 03-6201 2742
- Aerobus 017-363 3255
- The Star Shuttle 03-4043 8811

# RAIL TRANSIT NETWORK OF KUALA LUMPUR



# Transportation

# ≻ Air Travel

- KL International Airport Sepang 03-8776 2000
- LCC Terminal KLIA 03-8777 8888
- Domestic Airport Subang
- 03-7846 7777 KL CAT (City Air Terminal)
- 03-2267 8000

# Domestic Airlines

- MAS 03-7843 3000
- MAS Reservation Number
- 1 300 88 3000
- AirAsia 03-8775 4000
- Berjaya Air 03-7846 8228 • FireFly 03-7845 4543
- Fly Asian Xpress (fax)
- 03-8660 4343

# Rail

- KL Sentral 03-2274 7435
- KLIA Ekspres 03-2267 8000
- KTM 03-2267 1200
- Rapid KL 03-7625 6999
- KL Monorail 03-2273 1888

# 合 Car Rental

- Apex 03-2142 1926
- Avis 03-2142 0166
- Orix 03-2142 3009
- Hertz 03-2148 6433
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- KL Tourist Police (24 hours) 03-2166 8322
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- Malaysia 1-300-88-5050
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- 03-2164 3929 • Kuala Lumpur 03-2693 6661
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