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# What's Happening in March



July 7 to Aug 11 Back to Art

A+ WORKS of ART presents the first exhibition in its physical space since the easing of lockdown measures, under the aptly titled group showcase, Back To Art. The artists involved in Back to Art hail from all around Southeast Asia, bringing a

variety of styles and mediums to the exhibition, and adding new pieces as and when they are completed.

Venue: A+ WORKS of ART





# July 9 to Aug 27 REXKL Sessions

REXKL is hosting a series of online shows dubbed REXKL Sessions over the next month to help bolster the arts. The shows will see some of Malaysia's top performers live on-screen and free to watch – with donations heavily encouraged of course. Taking place every Thursday from now until 27 August, viewers will get to see the best of Malaysia's comedy, pop, indie, rock and hip-hop talent doing what they do best. Many of these same performers have kept us entertained during the lockdown and now it's our turn to give back to them!

# **MUST VISIT ART GALLERY**



## **KL LIFESTYLE ART SPACE**

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# March 1 July 8 to Aug 5

As part of its #galleryfromhome initiative, Galeri Petronas is introducing the Art For All online series, which will feature a new tutorial series by young Malaysian artists. Such as Ain Munirah, who takes those following at home on a journey of acrylic painting techniques as she demonstrate her skills creating her whimsical artwork titled Fantasia of The Floating Pink. New sessions are uploaded every Wednesday at 3pm until Aug 5.

Site: Galeri Petronas Social Media Channels



# July 23 to Aug 13 Ravaged

Richard Koh Fine Art in Kuala Lumpur presents the works of Malaysian artist Nadiah Bamadhaj who attempts to highlight specific and personalised plights within a marginalised community in Indonesia. Often adopting an ethnographic approach to her practice, Bamadhaj continues this methodology in Ravaged, and stories of humanity are revealed. In this series, Bamadhaj re-visits a familiar protagonist from her work, the Medusa, which has been part of her practice since 2008. The Medusa is utilised as a symbol and expression of social injustice, and the gesture of superimposing her over the photographic prints (in which was sourced from the archives of an Indonesian photojournalist) serves as an artistic intervention, alluding to her as a social witness of trauma. As explained by Bamadhaj, "The Medusa element in this work is an expression of the anxiety of those I have portrayed in this series. The corresponding digital images allude to the stories of their lives, their hopes, fears, and yearninas "

Venue: Richard Koh Fine Art



Aug 6 **REXKL Sessions: SHN & Resort** 

From her country roots comes a lyrical singer-songwriter that moulds stories into a catchy alternate pop tune, SHN continues to pleasantly surprise her audiences - whether it's a danceable singalong like "Happier With Her" or a heart-wrenching anthem like "I Hope She's Me".

Aiming to prioritise a down-to-earth persona, that couples "boppy" dance-able hooky tunes along with lyrical depth and real life stories, RESORT started in January 2019 when long time friends frontman Sek Hao Ho and drummer Kyle Emmanuel fused what musical differences they had, to create indie-pop band, RESORT.



Aug 7-9, 14-16, 21-23 Liver & Lung Presents Sepet The Musical

We know Malaysians want to enjoy theatre again. So this August. Liver & Lung will be treating you to a revival of their sell-out adaptation of Yasmin Ahmad's masterpiece film, Sepet The Musical. This will be Kuala Lumpur's first show since the MCO, and what better way to kick things off than introducing new audiences to the magic of Yasmin Ahmad and bringing the hope she inspired, to a post-Covid world. Sepet The Musical fewtures original songs by Shafeeq Shajahan and Badrish Isdin. The score was recently nominated in the Best Original Score category in the at the 17th BOH Cameronian Arts Awards. Don't miss your chance to walk down memory lane, relive an authentically Malaysian classic and experience Orked and Jason's timeless story.

> VVenue: GMBB KL Ticket: RM110



From an ardent comedy fan to an exuberant performer on stage, Prakash Daniel's foray into comedy started when he became a regular in the audience at Malaysia's first open mic comedy show 'One Mic Stand'.



The brainchild of Niralji Ravishanker and Rakesh Daniel, MONORIFF is what happens when an electronic rock group meets pop sensibility at the dancefloor. Putting aside their experimental indie rock style to evolve into catchy dance beats, the duo strengthens their music production capabilities with this new setup.

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# **Aug 13 REXKL Sessions:** Prakash Daniel

# **Aug 20 REXKL Sessions: Monoriff**

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# Aug 22 Kim Jae Joong Asia Concert 2020 in KL

Jay Chou, Asia's Mandopop King is returning to Malaysia as part of his world tour. With 14 albums, more than 150 songs and 7 sold out world tour concerts, the allnew 8th concert tour will be a celebration of his 20 years in the music business and a great way to make this leap year a memorable one!

Venue: National Stadium, Bukit Jalil Tickets: RM288 to RM968



Aug 22 The DRIIVE: LIVE IN MALAYSIA

Following his September 2019 UK tour with Mcfly frontman (Danny Jones) The DRIIVE is back on the road for his first ever international show in KL Malaysia. The DRIIVE will take you through whirlwind of emotions, playing songs such as 'Lost', Waiting For Tomorrow 'and I'll Be There'.

Venue: Merdekarya Tickets: RM55 to RM75



# Aug 27 REXKL Sessions: HelloLuqman

Music has been a part of HelloLuqman 's life since he was a very young boy. Forming a deep passion for both local and international music, the young singer-songwriter found joy in singing but he never thought of turning it into a serious thing.

Venue: REXKL



# Aug 27 to 30 Cabaret Series: Young KL Singers' Live on Stage!

After a long-awaited re-opening, there's no holding them back! Klpac and The Actors Studio Seni Teater Rakyat in collaboration with the Young Choral Academy present the Cabaret Series: Young KL Singers' Live on Stage! The Young KL Singers (YKLS) have always been known for their show stopping, awardwinning ensemble performances. This time round though, the spotlight is on the singers, glone, as they go solo. During the MCO period, YKLS ran an online competition where its choir members competed solo in a different category each week. Three winners and a wild card were selected weekly. Now that live performances are permitted again, the winners can finally take to the stage and show off their vocal prowess in front of an actual audience. The programme is a delightful one with music from major blockbusters and musicals, Disney favourites and other chart-topping hits. With a stripped down acoustic set, it will be intimate and casual show so all eyes and ears are on the singers, and, believe me, we have some incredible voices lined up.

Venue: Pentas 2, The Kuala Lumpur Performing Arts Centre (klpac) Ticket: RM40

# **MUST VISIT MUSEUM**



## SASANA KIJANG GALLERY

## BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

The Art Gallery provides a rotating display of the Central Bank of Malaysia's art collection. Selected paintings, prints, drawings and sculptures which chart the nation's milestones and highlight the Central Bank's support for the arts include works by early masters such as Hossein Enas and Yong Mun Sen, continuing up to the present day.

## THE NAUTILUS ICON

One of the most striking features in Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery is the Nautilus Staircase that begins from the lobby and links every floor. This structure is the inspiration for the main graphic icon. The icon is actively applied and prevalent across all of Bank Negara Malaysia Museum and Art Gallery's communications material.



# Aug 30 Merdeka, Merdeka, Merdeka with Faridah!

With every twist and turn, flips and flops we've endured this year, Dato' Dr. Faridah Merican, the First Lady of the Malaysian Theatre and klpac and penangpac's co-founder, will be celebrating the national day with this special matinee show. The show consists of a variety of performances, carefully selected to ensure an afternoon full of indulgence. Expect top performers from all over Penang, from musicians to dancers; comedians to caricature artists – it's definitely going to be an afternoon full of delights.

Venue: Stage 2, Performing Arts Centre of Penang (penangpac) Ticket: RM68

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# MUST-WATCH MOVIES of the month



# **TENNET** Aug 13

Armed with only one word — Tenet, and fighting for the survival of the entire world, the protagonist journeys through a twilight world of international espionage on a mission that will unfold in something beyond real time.

Genre: Action / Drama / Thriller Cast: John David Washington, Robert Pattinson, Elizabeth Debicki, Dimple Kapadia.

# ANTEBELLUM Aug 20

Described as a terrifying new thriller in its YouTube synopsis, Antebellum follows successful author Veronica Henley (Janelle Monáe), who is forced to solve a mind-bending mystery when she finds herself trapped in a horrifying reality.

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Genre: Drama / Thriller Cast: Janelle Monáe, Marque Richardson, Eric Lange, Jack Huston, Kiersey Clemons.



# MULAN Aug 21

When the Emperor of China issues a decree that one man per family must serve in the Imperial Army to defend the country from Northern invaders, Hua Mulan, the eldest daughter of an honoured warrior, steps in to take the place of her ailing father. Masquerading as a man, Hua Jun, she is tested every step of the way and must harness her inner strength and embrace her true potential. It is an epic journey that will transform her into an honoured warrior and earn her the respect of a grateful nation... and a proud father.

Genre: Action/Adventure Cast: Yifei Liu, Donnie Yen, Li Gong.

# MONSTER HUNTER

Aug 27

Based on a video game series of the same name about monsters and the humans that hunt them. When Lieutenant Artemis and her United Nations military team end up in an alternate dimension after falling into a portal, they encounter terrifying monsters in the hostile land. As they desperately look for a way home, they decide to join forces with a mysterious hunter, who has unique skills that have allowed him to survive there, to stop the monsters from entering the portal and attacking Earth.

## Genre: Action / Fantasy

Cast: Milla Jovovich, Tony Jaa, T.I, Meagan Good, Diego Boneta.

# DATUK MOHD NOR KHALID @ LAT Penning the Multiracial **Beauty of Malaysia**

WORDS BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

Ask any Malaysian about Datuk Mohd Nor Khalid, affectionally known as Lat, and they would probably tell you that they grew up reading his comics. His comics were relatable and revolved around the story of Malaysia's social and political scenes, with a comedic spin. Masked behind humorous lines were Datuk Lat's social commentary on the goings-on in Malaysia. His amazing talent of drawing inimitable cartoons, created over the span of almost a lifelong career, gives a succinct, insightful documentation of Malaysian life by a Malaysian.

The cartoonist has numerous awards and accolades under his belt, with more than 20 volumes of cartoons published since he was 13 years old. Lat's best known work is The Kampung Boy (1979), which has been published in several countries across the world. In 1994, Lat received the highest honour of being conferred the title 'Datuk' by the Sultan of Perak, for his contributions in promoting social harmony and understanding through his cartoons. In this August issue, a Merdeka issue, we pay tribute to this legendary man who lyrically penned the beauty of multiracial Malaysia and its quirks in the form of cartoon comics.





## His Childhood and Education

Born as Mohd Nor Khalid on March 5, 1951 in a kampung in Gopeng, Perak, his father worked as a clerk for the Malaysian Armed Forces while his mother, a housewife. As a young boy with a chubby face, his family would affectionally call him bulat (round), which was later shortened to 'Lat', the name later used as the personage in his comic books. Lat passed time by doodling with materials provided by his parents, reading comics and watching television — perhaps it was written in the stars at a young age that this would be the path he treads. Lat's idol was local cartoonist, Raja Hamzah, venerable for his tales of swashbuckling Malay heroes.

Lat began his formal education at a local kampung school, however, this changed due to the nature of his father's job which required him and his family to move between military bases until they finally settled in his birth place in 1960. In 1961, Lat who had passed the Special Malay Class Examination attended an English-medium school in Ipoh, which was considered a springboard to a good future. This inspired his father to sell their kampong estate and move to town. The young cartoonist pursued his secondary education at Anderson School — Perak's premier non-missionary school. This helped him establish diverse friendships and broadened his cultural perspective, which would in the future, play its part in his comics.

Lat's talent for drawing comics shone at the tender age of nine, when he started supplementing his family's income by selling comics to his friends. As luck would have it, in 1964, a local movie magazine published Lat's work in Majalah Filem, in exchange for free movie tickets. That same year, his comic book entitled 'Tiga Sekawan' — a band of friends who rally together to catch a thief was published by Sinaran Brothers. Four years later, when Lat was 17, he created a comic strip, 'Keluarga Si Mamat' for Berita Minggu (the Sunday edition of Berita Harian) — a series which was published in the paper every week for 26 years. Despite being a school-going boy, Lat was earning RM100 salary from his cartoons on a monthly basis, which was considered a large sum back in the day. He was set.

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examinations, Lat wasn't able to advance to Form 6, completing his education at Form 5. With a high school education and armed with published comics, Lat started looking for a job and set his eyes on becoming an illustrator.

## From Crime Reporter to World-Famous Cartoonist

Upon moving to the bustling federal capital of Kuala Lumpur, Lat applied for a cartoonist position at Berita Harian but to no avail. Instead, the paper's then editor, Abdul Samad Ismail offered Lat the role of a crime reporter. While it wasn't the cartoonist's coveted job, he accepted it anyway, for he had to be the breadwinner of his family when his father fell ill and could no longer work. Lat still stuck by his passion, contributing cartoons to other publications. Then, he was transferred to the paper's parent publication, New Straits Times, yet as crime reporter. Lat didn't complain because his coverage on crimes in this city allowed him to observe and interact with different people, which gave him content for his cartoons and broadened his perspective of the world.

Nevertheless, he felt he lacked the persistently inquisitive nature needed to succeed as a crime reporter. Furthermore, his "breathtakingly detailed, lurid and graphically gory descriptions" of the aftermaths of crimes had to be frequently toned down by his seniors. Lat became convinced that he was a failure at his job, and his despondency led him to tender his resignation. Samad, believing Lat had a bright future with the press, furiously rejected the letter.

The next series of events would turn the wheels of Lat's career for the better, starting from Feb 10, 1974, when Asia Magazine, based in Hong Kong, published the cartoonist's strips about 'bersunat' – a circumcision ceremony all Malaysian boys of the Islamic faith have to undergo. Seeing this, Lat's very first assignment was to document Malaysian culture in a series of cartoons titled Scenes of Malaysian Life. He was also sent to the prestigious St Martin's School of Art in London for four months, where he was introduced to English editorial cartoons and newspapers. The cartoonist returned to Malaysia packed with intrigue, experience and knowledge and translated onto Scenes of Malaysian Life, a series of editorial cartoons. His approach proved popular, and at the end of 1975, he was appointed full-time cartoonist with total freedom in his work.

Brimming with creativity, Lat produced a fluid flow of editorial cartoons that entertained. By 1978, two collections of his works (Lots of Lat and Lat's Lot) had been compiled and sold to the public. While the cartoonist was mostly known for his Scenes of Malaysian Life, the subsequent work that he birthed catapulted him to international standards and captured everyone's hearts. The tear was 1979 when Berita Publishing Sdn Bhd published Lat's The Kampung Boy, an autobiographical cartoon about his youth. It was a hit -60,000 to 70,000 copies were sold out within four months of the book's release, due to the heartwarming portrayal of the Malaysian rural life that captivated many. By 2009, the book was in popular demand, reprinted 16 times and published internationally, in various languages, including Portuguese, French, and Japanese. The success of The Kampung Boy had Lat crowned as the most renowned cartoonist in Malaysia.

Lat's other works include Lots of Lat (1977), Keluarga Si Mamat (1979), Town Boy, (1981), Lots More Lat (1982), Lat and Gang (1987), Mat Som (1989), Better Lat Than Never (1989), Lat 30 Years Later (1994) and Lat Was Here (1995).

## Illustrating with Style

Lat's style has been described as reflective of his early influences, The Beano and The Dandy — classic British comics from 1937 to 1988. After his time at St. Martin's in London in 1975, Lat's style grew, exhibiting the influences of editorial cartoonists such as Frank Dickens, Ralph Steadman and Gerald Scarfe. Lat's subjects of family life and children were due to his admiration for Raja Hamzah, a senior cartoonist who was popular in the 1960's with his comics about swashbuckling characters. Rejabhad, a well-respected cartoonist, was Lat's mentor, and imbued the junior cartoonist with a preference to be sensitive to the subjects of his works. This led Lat to pay great attention to his subjects which garnered him immense popularity among the masses who regarded his works as endearing, believable and unbiased.

As with any artist, Lat took his experiences and influences and birthed his own style of illustration, drawing the common man on the streets with bold strokes in pen and ink. Despite his Western influences, the cartoonist kept a local flavour to his comics, true to life and authentic. A trademark of his Malay characters are their three-loop noses. Besides writing and publishing cartoons, Lat has forayed into the realm of animation, merchandising and theme parks with his creations. In 1986, Lat became the first cartoonist to exhibit his works at the National Museum in Kuala Lumpur, an event that attracted a record number of 600,000 visitors in two months.

Lat's works have not only been read leisurely, but have been used for academic purposes — spanning law, urban planning and diets. Besides that, foreign embassy officials had sought Lat for his insight into cultures and had even invited him to tour their countries, in the hopes that he would record his experiences in cartoons to share with the world. The first country to employ this method was the United States, followed by others such as Australia, Germany and Japan. In 1998, Lat became the first cartoonist to be made an Eisenhower Fellow and revisited the United States, where his research programme highlighted the study of relationships among the many races in the United States. After 27 years of living and working in Kuala Lumpur, Lat moved back to the quieter and serene lifestyle in Ipoh.

## **Promoting National Harmony**

At a time when racial relationships were strained, especially during the racial riots of 1969 and years after, Lat soothed the nation's wounds through his works. Drawing members of various races in his crowd scenes and showing their interactions with one another, Lat portrayed Malaysians in a gentle and unbiased comic manner. Lat's fans recognised the cartoonist's oeuvre as one that is safe and light humour that made everyone feel good and nostalgic by appealing through the character's benevolent sides. Lat's comics proved an escape and agent promoting harmony.



From left to right: Hadi Mohd Nor, Junaidah Mohd Nor, Datuk Mohd Nor Khalid, Datin Faezah Zanzali, Nur'Ain Mohd Nor, Haris Mohd Nor

Remember the commonly depicted kampung house scene in Lat's comic, The Kampung Boy? This house is being reconstructed and will be unveiled to the public in Batu Gajah, Perak, not far from the village Lat grew up in, towards the year-end. Named Rumah Lat dan Galeri, this kampung house will allow his fans a peek into his life. Furnished with pre-World War II stuff such as dressing table, a sturdy set of table and chairs, a framed mirror, a rack and cupboard which ended up as storage space for his vinyl will be on full display. Visitors can also expect Lat's selection of artworks spanning four decades, going back to 1964.

Rumah Lat is the cartoonist's personal project, supported by the Perak government. It brings people back before the time of electricity, water and house on wooden stilts. These are fond memories for him. Lat hopes that Rumah Lat will stand tall and proud for years to come, capturing a sense of history and nostalgia for the current generation, and beyond, to appreciate.

# A TRIP DOWN THE HISTORIC LANE

# The History Behind Malaysia's Pre-Independence Buildings

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



## Sultan Abdul Samad Building

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Built in 1897, the Sultan Abdul Samad Building is an iconic structure and its moniker took after the state ruler at that time. During the height of British colonial rule, the building was used to house the government administration. Today, it is one of Kuala Lumpur's prominent landmarks and part of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture. Regal in aesthetic, the Sultan Abdul Samad building sports distinct Moorish and Moghul architecture. It makes for a beautiful backdrop for picture taking, be it during the day or night. The atmosphere of the place shifts in the night, as it lights up.

## Carcosa Sri Negara

Perched majestically atop a hill close to the Perdana Botanical Gardens, Carcosa Seri Negara comprises two two colonial mansions – Carcosa and Governor's Residence. If you feel that this heritage building looks a tad familiar, that's because it was rented out for the Hollywood blockbuster, 'Crazy Rich Asians'. The Carcosa was established circa 1897 as the official residence of Frank Swettenham, the first British High Commissioner in Malaya. Built in Neo-gothic and Tudor architectural style, the building was opened in 1913 and its name changed to King's House. Post-independence, it was known as Istana Tetamu. This colonial building was repurposed as a hotel in the 1980's and has hosted Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip.



Carcosa Sri Negara



The Hotel Majestic



Ipoh Railway Station



Suffolk House, Penang



Christ Church, Melaka

## **The Majestic Hotel**

The Hotel Majestic has stood the test of time. It was built in 1932 by Dutch architectural firm Keyes and Dowdeswell for the Trustees of the Estate of Loke Wan Tho, the youngest son of the businessman and philanthropist Loke Yew. It was an icon during the country's pre-World War II boom. Gazetted as a heritage building under the Antiquities Act, it was constructed in a hybrid of neo-classical and art deco styles, boasting a commanding hilltop site facing another of Kuala Lumpur's famous landmarks, the Moorish style railway station. In its heyday, The Hotel Majestic was the largest and grandest hotel in Kuala Lumpur, unrivalled for its prestige and luxury. It was a favoured spot for the colonial elite and prominent visitors, venue for extravagant parties, Sunday curry tiffin lunches and the European tradition of tea dance.

## **Ipoh Railway Station**

The Ipoh Railway station serves as the main railway terminal for Ipoh. It was erected in 1894, when tracks were first laid through the town for the Perak Railway. Designed by Arthur Benison Hubback, the railway station served for 20 years until its consolidation into the Federated Malay States Railways and was affectionally regarded as the 'Taj Mahal of Ipoh' by the locals. The Ipoh Railway station embodies a late-Edwardian Baroque and some Indo-Saracenic architectural style. The building is also located within the Ipoh Station Square, where a cenotaph had been erected to honour those who lost their lives in World War I and II.

## Suffolk House, Penang

The original Suffolk House served as Francis Light's (the founder of Penang) residence and has been described as a simple Anglo-Indian Garden House style of timber and attap construction, built within his pepper estate called Suffolk. Light lived on the estate until his death in 1794. Located along the banks of Air Itam River in George Town, a second residence was subsequently built in 1809 by William Edward Phillips. The mansion was named Suffolk Park and sported an Euro-Indian and Georgian-style. The mansion served as the residence of several governors, as well as the venue for social and official functions. Later, it was once used as the Anglo-Chinese High School, which later became the Methodist Boys' School. It was restored and opened to the public in 2009, and is a restaurant today.

## **Christ Church, Melaka**

Christ Church, one of Melaka's iconic structures is evidence of Dutch colonial architecture. It's the oldest operating Protestant church built in 1753 by the Melaka Dutch community to commemorate the centenary of Dutch occupation in the state. During that period, the building went by the name of Benedenkerk, which translated to "church down the hill" and functioned as the primary Dutch Reformed Church during the Dutch occupation. It was renamed as Christ Church in 1838, when the Anglo-Dutch Treaty was signed and Melaka was handed over to the British-East India Company. Christ Church bears all the hallmarks of 18th-century Dutch architecture: a rectangular plan, massive walls, red granite plinths and Dutch roof tiles.

# **PRIME MINISTERS OF MALAYSIA**

# Must-knows and fun facts of the heads of government

BY AGNES AUI

Since Malaysia's independence back in 1957, we've been spearheaded by many strong and talented leaders. This year marks Malaysia's 63rd Independence Day, also known as Merdeka Day, and we'd like to shine some limelight on the prime ministers who made it all possible. So, here are some must-knows and fun facts of these bold and courageous men:



# TUNKU ABDUL RAHMAN

Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj ibni Almarhum Sultan Abdul Hamid Halim Shah was born in Alor Setar, Kedah, on Feb 3, 1903. He received his early education at the Alor Setar Malay Primary School before furthering his studies at Sultan Abdul Hamid College. He was later sent to Debsirin School in Bangkok by his parents and returned home in 1915, continuing his education at Penang Free School. Tunku Abdul Rahman is widely regarded as Bapa Kemerdekaan (Father of Independence) or Bapa Malaysia (Father of Malaysia) as he fought for Malaya's independence and succeeded in doing so. Tunku Abdul Rahman became Malaysia's first prime minister and was in the position seven years from 1963-1970.

# Fun facts:

- He considered 13 to be his lucky number. Tunku Abdul Rahman's star sian
- was Aquarius. He was an avid sportsman and became president of the Selangor
- Football Association in 1949. Tunku's first wife was a Chinese woman named Meriam Chong, his second wife Violet Coulson was English and his third wife was a Malay woman, Sharifah Rodziah Syed Alwi Barakbah.
- He lived at 1, Jalan Changkat Kia Peng in Kuala Lumpur, which now serves as the chancery of the Philippine Embassy in Malaysia.

# Fun facts:

- <u>He was</u> the country's first education minister.His son is Najib Razak, Malaysia's
- sixth prime minister.
- According to an interview with Najib Razak by The Star, Abdul Razak was known for "3B's" which were having a bush jacket, 'bertongkat' (as he used to carry a walking stick) and "berdehem" (the sound he made when clearing his throat, enough to send chills down the spine of subordinates).
- Abdul Razak used to travel to school barefoot.
- He would often use the words honest and sincere in his speeches.

# TUN ABDUL RAZAK HUSSEIN

Tun Abdul Razak Dato' Hussein was born in Kampung Pulau Keladi, a village located northwest of Pekan, Pahang on March 11, 1922. Known as Bapa Pembangunan (Father of Development), Abdul Razak introduced the New Economic Policy, which charted the country's economic direction and has a profound impact on the people, even until today. He was also the prime minister responsible for setting up Barisan Nasional, which is the ruling coalition of political parties that held power in Malaysia till the general election on May 9, 2018. Abdul Razak was Malaysia's prime minister for six years from 1970 to 1976 and passed away from leukaemia on Jan 14, 1976 at the age of 54.



# TUN HUSSEIN ONN

Tun Hussein Dato' Onn was Malaysia's third prime minister who was also known as Bapa Perpaduan (Father of Unity) Hussein Onn came from a family which was already involved in politics. His father was a fighter for Malaysian's independence and co-founder of the United Malays National Organisation (UMNO) while his grandfather was the first Menteri Besar (chief minister) of Johor. Born on Feb 12, 1922 in Johor Bahru, Hussein was known for launching the National Unit Trust Scheme in 1981 and for emphasising the issue of unity throughout his five years of being prime minister.

## Fun facts:

- Hussein Onn was the brotherin-law of Tun Abdul Razak, who was the second prime minister of Malaysia.
- He served in the Indian Army during World War II.
- The British employed him as an instructor at the Malayan Police Recruiting and Training Centre in Rawalpindi after the war.
- Hishammuddin Hussein, the Minister of Defence from 2013-2018 is Hussein Onn's son.
- After retiring, he set up Tun Hussein Onn Eye Hospital and was an advisor to Petronas.



## TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD

Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad is a Malaysian statesman who became the longestserving prime minister of Malaysia. Born on July 10, 1925 in Alor Setar, Kedah, Dr Mahathir served as prime minister for over two decades, specifically 22 years, when he was first appointed as the fourth prime minister (1981-2003). He is also known as Bapa Pemodenan (Father of Modernisation). Other than Vision 2020, Operasi Lalang, Look East Policy and other policies established during his premiership, Mahathir also led Barisan Nasional to five consecutive election victories. He then resigned as prime minister and took the position once again after joining the opposition and overthrowing the ruling government, which had been in power for over six decades.

- Dr Mahathir contributed to The Straits Times under the pseudonym "C.H.E. Det" while in college.
- Dr Mahathir met his wife, Tun Dr Siti Hasmah Mohd Ali, while they were studying at King Edward VII College of Medicine in Singapore.
- He has his own blog: www. chedet.cc, which was established back in 2008 and is kept updated till today. Mahathir is responsible for the
- many beautiful infrastructure in Malaysia. These include the Petronas Twin Towers, SMART Tunnel, KL Sentral and Kuala Lumpur International Airport. He was also behind the establishment of Putrajaya as the country's administrative capital.



## TUN ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is Malaysia's fifth prime minister who served for six vears from 2003-2009. He was born on Nov 26, 1939 in Bayan Lepas, Penang to a well-known religious family. His paternal grandfather, Syeikh Abdullah Badawi Fahim became the first mufti of Penang after Independence and was one of the founding members of Hizbul Muslimin, later known as PAS. Abdullah is also known as Malaysia's Bapa Pembangunan Modal Insan (Father of Human Capital Development).

## Fun facts:

- Abdullah Ahmad Badawi is commonly known as 'Pak Lah' (Uncle Lah).
- He currently serves as the Chancellor of Universiti Teknologi Petronas (UTP). Abdullah has dabbled in poetry and
- written deep, meaningful pieces.
- His star sign is Sagittarius.
- Abdullah was conferred the title 'Tun' by King Mizan Zainal Abidin for his service to the nation after resigning from the position of prime minister.

## DATUK SERI NAJIB RAZAK

Mohammad Najib Abdul Razak was born on July 23, 1953 in Pahang. He was Malaysia's sixth prime minister and served for a total of nine years from 2008-2019 before losing to the opposition in the 2018 general election, also known as one of Malaysia's most gripping elections to date. Najib is known as Malaysia's Bapa Transformasi (Father of Transformation) and had served as Minister of Culture, Minister of Youth and Sports, Minister of Defence, Minister of Education and Minister of Finance.

## Fun facts:

- Najib Razak's father was the second prime minister of Malaysia.
- He is widely known as 'Ah Jib Gor' (Brother Najib) to the Chinese community.
- Najib is a huge fan of sports. He has been photographed playing golf, football, hockey, cycling and more.
- His star sign is Cancer. ٠
- He shares the same birthday with Harry • Potter, a famous fictional character.

## TUN DR MAHATHIR MOHAMAD

Fifteen years after his retirement from politics, Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad became Malaysia's seventh prime minister and the world's oldest prime minister to be elected at the age of 92. He served for one year and 296 days after joining the opposition and overthrowing Barisan Nasional (a party he was previously in) which was the ruling government for over six decades. Dr Mahathir resigned as prime pinister back in February this year and served as interim prime minister for six days before the eighth prime minister was sworn in.

## Fun facts:

- Dr Mahathir loved education and was a hardworking student who studied a lot.
- He is a year older than Queen Elizabeth
- Dr Mahathir is loved by Malaysian youths for his sarcastic humour.
- He is the oldest living prime minister
- Dr Mahathir founded Proton cars in • 1983 and still drives them today.



## TAN SRI MUHYIDDIN YASSIN

Muhyiddin Muhammad Yassin became Malaysia's eighth and current prime minister since March 2020. He was declared prime minister by the Yang di-Pertuan Agong after an abrupt resignation by Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad. Muhyiddin was born on May 15, 1947 in Muar, Johor, and attended University of Malaya, receiving an honours bachelor's degree in economics and Malay studies in 1971. He is widely known for his contribution in curbing the novel coronavirus pandemic in Malaysia. Muhyiddin's quick action of implementing the Movement Control Order (MCO) managed to slow down the infection and introducing an economic stimulus package worth RM 250 billion helped maintain the country's economy.

## Fun facts:

- He was Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia from 2009-2015.
- Muhyiddin Yassin has served under four prime ministers.
- He is the father of Malaysian R&B singer, Najwa Mahiaddin.
- Muhyiddin is a family man who keeps a low profile.
- He was the minister to introduce PT3, previously known as SPR and later PMR.

# Hagi Japanese Cuisine

# Affordable Omakase Experience

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN



agi Japanese Cuisine is a love letter to 'The Land of the Rising Sun', purveying Edomai sushi authenticity. Named after the Japanese fall flower, beyond its sliding doors is a sleek and warm interior with a sushi bar at its centre, meeting the idylls of an authentic Japanese experience.

We started with the Natsu Omakase course - a fluid ebb and flow of dishes from appetiser to dessert. Unlike the usual hefty Omakase price tag, Hagi offers affordability, allowing everyone a taste of indulgence. The Zensai (appetiser) whetted our palates with a trio comprising mizu-nasu (water eggplant) topped with salted kombu (edible kelp), mozuku (brown seaweed) tossed in vinegar and paired with mountain yam, garnished with ikura and finally, ayu or sweet fish mixed with capsicum and onions.

Next, prancing its way to the table was the Otsukiri or sashimi. Its stark simplicity in presentation made this platter even more alluring. Sitting on a bed of ice boasting butteriness were chutoro, Japan. kampachi (great amberjack), kuromutsu (Japanese bluefish) and hotate (scallops) served wwith sudachi lime – each varies according to the season. Representing the Yakimono (grilled item) was the tachiuo (belt fish). Again, simplicity stroke and teased our palates with its brininess, only neutralised by the pairing of green and purple tomatoes.

Interjecting the picture taking and banter was the chawanmushi, one that was unique and unparalleled. Hagi's rendition is served cold, garnished with junsai (watershield) and doesn't take away from the essence of the dish. Then, the much awaited piece de resistance — Nigiri sushi presented on a beautiful plate showcasing torro (bluefin) aged for seven days, akami zuke marinated in soy sauce, out and dining in restaurants can opt for hiramasa (king of yellowtail) marinated in yuzu, sake, mirin and soy sauce, hirame (flounder fish) topped with engawa (flounder's fin), saba (mackerel), shako sushi (mantis ray) and lastly, anago (sea eel) - all freshly flown twice a week from

Still reeling from the symphony of flavours, we were areeted with Haai's Hivashi Somen, the restaurant's specialty featuring cold somen in a moat of Hagi's sauce made from dashi and topped with a spoonful of uni and ikura. We tip our hats to the creative genius behind this deliciousness. The final item before bidding farewell was the dessert, varying daily according to the season and ingredients, and often homemade. We had the warabi mochi. concocted from kinako (soybean powder) and matcha, accompanied by gula melaka syrup.

Hagi caters to vegetarians and vegans alike, granted, advance booking is made. Those who are still unsure about stepping the indulgent omakase experience in the comfort of home.

# Flour Where Modernity Meets Culture

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

LOUR's new residence is a pre-World War II colonial bungalow, at the neart of Kuala Lumpur, beaming with freshness and finesse. The sprawled space at Flour unfolds as you tread in, starting with a golden pegasus in all its glory and lavish private dining rooms available on either side. Moving further in reveals a chic space embellished with black tiles, black chandelier and a fountain, framed by the view of an open kitchen. To the right of the restaurant is a romantic nook ideal for couples while on the left, a glasshousestyle dining area allows plenty of natural light in. The spiral staircase in the main dining area leads to a private room boasting space and the city's skyline.

It's always a journey at FLOUR and this time, through its third published book, Flour Rises, Chef Yogi Upadhyay yet again champions India's rich heritage, culture and flavours as well as doling out what is created at Flour, while progressively revolutionising Indian cuisine.

We whet our appetites with the Finger and Roots with carrots and beetroot - a curious dish crafted with balance in mind. Aesthetically pleasing, the Finger and Roots features shredded ladies fingers designed to be consumed

right after the ginger, carrots and beetroot that are coated in spice. Sips of the Heritieres Du Comte Lafon - Macon Uchizy 2014 with a fruity and almost buttery finish makes a fine accompaniment for what's to come. Our favourite from the entrees, was the perfectly plated mango chicken – boasting succulence from the tandoor-grilled chicken and slight tanginess from the raw mango marinade, the greek yoghurt is employed to bring harmony to this delicious dish.

The Seabass and Shallots follows in a fluid ebb and flow of plates, basking in its simplicity and coated with a blanket of shallot sauce consisting of shallots, fenugreek and peppercorns. Each mouthful peels back layers of brilliant flavours. It is simply moreish. Then, the pièce de résistance - the flamboyant Lamb Chop served on a bed of

mint sauce is faithful to all the complexities of Indian flavours - generous ghee, oil and spices intermingled with mint. The only way to do this dish justice is picking it up with your hands and sinking your teeth in. Lap up the generous mint sauce and take a moment to experience the piquancies that tease your palate.

Just before satiety looms, we relish in Flour's contemporary rendition of the Shahi Tukda or cheese cake. Forming the base is flattened and sugar-soaked white bread topped with creamy non-fermented cheese made from reduced milk and finally garnished with strawberries from Cameron Highlands, bestowing natural sweetness. What a delightful way to end the meal.

12, Jalan Kamuning, Off Jalan Imbi, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. \*Indian cuisine \*Fine dining (pork free)







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# Baba Quay **Championing Peranakan Fare**

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

When the creative head behind Pretty on Plate, Aaron set out to establish a new restaurant called Baba Quay with his uncle. Ronald Quay, we had to pay it a visit. Highlighting his heritage and culture, Baba Quay doles out delectable Peranakan fare evocative of a grandmother's kitchen. Taking residence in Ronnie Q - the first sports bar that opened in Malaysia, this is the kind of unassuming restaurant every neighbourhood should have. Open for lunch and dinner seven days a week and just a pigeon's hop away from Bangsar Village II, its laidback and cosy interior pairs seamlessly with its food.

Our appetiser, the Peranakan Platter was an indication of the scrumptiousness that lay ahead. Perfect for sharing, the platter showcased five varieties of staple Nyonya appetisers, namely Pai Tee, Spring Rolls, Otak Otak, Chicken Cutlets and Fried Beancurd.

Palates now awakened, it was time for the main course. The Devil Chicken Curry swept us up with its dark brown hue that resemblesdthe rendang and more importantly, caught us in a whirlwind of spices and seductive flavours best complemented with a hot plate of rice and omelette. For something with a little kick, the Sambal Udang Petai would do the trick. A generous portioning of both prawns and petai coated in sambal is an umami delight you don't want to end. A main of Bendi (ladies fingers) Sambal Belacan is fragrant and spicy - a masterclass in Peranakan harmony.

To meet your cravings for an authentic, home-cooked tasting dish, we suggest the Ayam Pongteh – a braised chicken dish of perfect marriage of salty, sweet and sour. For the busy white-collared workers who can't peel themselves away from their desk or still dubious about dining out, Baba Quay offers sizeable lunch sets to keep you well satiated throughout the day.

Lulled into a coma by all the delicious dishes, we were then treated to sweet indulgence in the form of sago with gula melaka and coconut sorbet, and the pandan chiffon cake with sea salted cream cheese. gula melaka, almond flakes and coconut flakes, a concoction of the co-owner, Aaron. Take our heed and save some room for dessert, you won't regret it.

With the intent to champion Peranakan culture, Aaron keeps patrons on their toes with a special Tok Paniana event -a term that refers to a type of feast associated with weddings and special occasions. Once every fortnight, patrons can look forward to a speciallycurated Peranakan Menu by a Nyonya herself, which is scheduled to take place sometime in August or September. So, keep your eyes peeled to their social media page.

32, Jalan Telawi 2, Bangsar, 59100 Kuala Lumpur. \*Peranakan cuisine \*Casual dining (pork-free)



# Chiqui Don **Bursting With Fusion Flair**

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

Nestled in the enclave of Bukit Damansara, Chiqui Don takes its name from the Italian, 'little mafia' and intends to pack a punch through its fusion of local and global flavours. A community-inspired restaurant at heart, Chiqui Don involves the masses in crafting its menu, encouraging people to submit their ideas and experimentations. Beyond its threshold, at the heart of the restaurant, the bar beams with its Mediterranean tiles and a substantial range of spirits and crafted cocktails. Inside, style and substance meet, only elevated by its fare.

We start the culinary voyage with the Oven-Baked Nachos, which ticks the

checklist off of everything a perfect nacho should be, from the matrimony of tomato salsa, sour cream, flavoured nacho chips to the homemade guacamole. Bursting with zest, savouriness and sizzling from the hot plate, this addictive appetiser is a delicious way to start a meal.

Inspired by a written-in recipe, the Garlic Chilli Sea Bass is a sinful seductress, alluring with its moat of prawns sautéed in olive oil. garlic and chilli slices. Served with garlic bread, this appetiser boasts succulence and scrumptiousness, perfect as a whet.

The staple Indian dish beloved by many, Chiqui Don's Mutton Varuval is as authentic as it gets. Tender pieces of mutton are arranged around a shank, potent in colour and packed with flavour. Accompanied by slices of garlic bread and soft paratha, this

dish is the perfect blend of seasoning and spices, coating your palate with a beautiful blanket of bold flavours - a must-try. Be sure to use your hands and lap up all the gravy.

From the Pasta and Rice Segment comes The Claypot Seafood Rice, another a community-inspired creation, suffused with comfort and familiarity, resembling something out of your mother or grandmother's kitchen. Available in seafood and mutton renditions, we opted for seafood. A medley of rice, tiger prawns, tenggiri fish, fresh squid and hard-boiled egg is cooked in a traditional Indian claypot and served with papadom, banana chips and raita, for balance of piquancy.

Sweet indulgence at Chiqui Don is choosing between Warm Chocolate Brownie with Tillamook ice cream, chocolate, caramel sauce and peanuts, Burnt Cheesecake featuring a brûléed crust or the Mango Panna Cotta – Italian cream jelly with fresh mango puree. Alternatively, if you're not a sweet tooth, a specially-crafted cocktail to suit your palate should just do the trick.



# **DINING** IDEAS



Chiqui Don, 9-G, Jalan Medan Setia 1, Plaza Damansara, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur.





# Zen House Vegetarian Restaurant

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

For a cuisine that largely depends on seafood and poultry, Zen House Vegetarian Restaurant has broken tradition and perception to present a contemporary vegetarian Japanese cuisine that is flavoursome, creative and satiating. One can find an extensive offerings of Japanese fare spanning sushi moriawase, kushiyaki skewers, tempura, nabemono, teppanyaki and bento.

Fans of avocados can gravitate towards the Avocado Maki, which happens to be one of Zen House's signature dishes - featuring slivers of fresh avocado atop the sushi roll and at its centre, a little delightful burst of creaminess is owed to the sliced cheese. From the nigiri sushi segment, the Edamame and Natto called out to us with their distinctiveness - something you don't find at every Japanese eatery.

An unassuming dish, the Zaru Soba, translates to cold soba, which emits a contemporary aesthetic yet staying true to its roots with its flavour. For the unfamiliar, the right way to consume this dish is to dip your noodle of choice into the soba broth and slurp away. Something heftier comes in the form of the bento set which offers a main dish such as the mock unagi cooked with kabayaki sauce and complemented with rice, miso soup, pickles, salad and fruits.

Zen House @ Sunway Velocity Mall, Lot B-27, Basement One, Jalan Cheras, Maluri, Batu 2-1/2, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. +603 9286 7118 \*Japanese cuisine \*vegetarian (pork-free



# Lisette's Cafe and Bakery

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

Lisette's Cafe and Bakery has guickly earned a spot on the list of the most Instagrammable cafe in town for its charming and cosy aesthetics, as well as its delicious fare. Foliage is ubiquitous here, starting with the pink floral wall that many flock to this hideaway for. Choose to dine at its al-fresco seating area and enjoy the sun streaming in through the plants or tread further in to dine in comfort.

Hidden behind its leafy entrance, the café serves cakes and pastries fresh from its own oven. Lisette's strives to source for natural and organic ingredients without compromising on flavour so that every bite is a delight. While its freshly baked pastries are delightful, we definitely recommend the cafe's unique Nasi Lemak with Black Rice for something more substantial. For something more nourishing, the Burrata Beet Salad is right up your alley. A medley of mesclun leaves, burrata, beetroot, roasted walnuts, pears and red onion dressing is not only aesthetically-pleasing, but scrumptious too.

If you need a pick-me-up in the morning besides coffee, try the Mumbai Eggs Kejriwal to truly wake up. Take caution, because this dish is not for the faint-hearted, featuring spiced scrambled eggs with freshly sliced chillies and chilli flakes. It is are beautifully presented on brown toast, topped with sunny side up and avocado alongside spicy terung (brinjal).

8, Jalan Kemuja, Bangsar 59000, Kuala Lumpur. \*Cafe fare \*Bakery \*Comfort food (pork-free)

# The Hungry Tapir

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI

It wasn't hard to fall in love with The Hungry Tapir. Set in Chinatown, scurry up to the first floor and be greeted by a gleaming space featuring foliage, neon signs, cylindrical lanterns cascading from its steeple ceiling with by cosy ambience for convening with friends. Helmed by an affable and amazing mother daughter duo, Cynthia and Makissa, The Hungry Tapir's moniker pays homage to interior designer Cynthia's. love for everything black and white and the Malaysian herbivore, tapir, which feeds into their mission of a plant-based eatery.

The menu is an amalgamation of East and West, with emphasis on championing local ingredients, heritage and flavours. To whet the palate, choose mama's satay. We can't sing enough songs of praise formama's satay. Using hedgehog mushrooms to resemble chicken, it is then lightly fried and grilled, skewered and served with an addictive peanut sauce boasting a harmony of spiciness, sweetness and nuttiness. Divine. Next is the aesthetically-pleasing pink

bombshell burger, served on a wooden platter alongside pea shoots tossed in a seductive chilli vinaigrette and sweet potato fries. The light buns owe their pink hue to the beetroot, also evident in the thick and sizeable homemade patty, stacked together with caramelised onions, lettuce, tomato and slathered with homemade vegan herb cheese. We find this not only satiating, but utterly scrumptious.

The Hungry Tapir Sips — an offering of

Cafe Yamatatsu



BY HIRANMAYII AWU

Cafe Yamatatsu, located at an industrial area in Old Klang Road, glimmers with freshness and fire. Its facade and interior are typically Japanese, while its fare is a fun fusion of Taiwanese and Japanese flavours. Crossing the threshold, we discovered its walls adorned with cute posters of Studio Ghibli anime artwork, plus manga-loving posters of Naruto, One Piece and Slam Dunk, and a sprawled out dining area.

Its food and sake menu are both extensive, spoiling guests with choices. Expect soulful renditions, each comforting and satiating such as the Oden, perfect for a rainy day. A sizeable and savoury bowl of mushrooms and corn is bathed in a broth that strikes a good balance of sweet and savoury.

Start by ordering the Salt Pepper Corn, a Taiwanese dish that is both simple and delicious to whet your appetite, followed by Yamatatsu Fried Chicken which beams with crunchiness and flavour. At Yamatatsu, you can also expect a selection of homemade pickles such as the yuzu bitter gourd, miso enoki, marinated pumpkin and Taiwanese pickled cucumber to name a few. These are refreshing and serve as a palate cleanser or light appetiser before your main dish. From the rice bowl segment, the Seafood Rice is fulfilling and brimming with tender saba (mackerel) with shishamo and tempura prawns. Decadence comes in the form of the Tamago Ebi Mentai Rice, potent with silkiness and butteriness.

Onto tempting tipples, Yamatatsu renders playful twists on sake-based cocktails such as the Warm Spring and Yoghurt Sake. The former is as its moniker indicates, served warm with a cinnamon stick, revealing tinge of earthiness and potency. The latter, on the other hand, is intriguing - served cold. It's the marriage of sake and yoghurt that discloses tangy and sweet notes, making it dangerously drinkable.



creative concoctions is perfect to cosy up to

after a long day at work, or simply as an afternoon treat. We recommend the Guapa Bebidas which translates to pretty drink in Spanish, and is dangerously easy to drink and refreshing. For something with a little more character, the Jungle Tapir is our choice

P/S: Tread further into the space to find a gorgeous picture-taking nook.

The Hungry Tapir, 135 (1st floor), Jalan Petaling, Chinatown City Center, 5000 Kuala Lumpur. \*Plant-based <sup>\*</sup>Veaan



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# Malaysiaku: A Reimagined Malay Heritage Menu by The St Regis Kuala Lumpur

by hiranmayii awii mohanan

In light of Merdeka Day and Malaysia Day, The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur pays homage to these historic occasions through their signature "Malaysiaku: A Reimagined Malay Heritage Menu". Revolving around the theme of Malaysia's folklore and fairytales, they have birthed a 6-course menu featuring classics like "Puteri Gunung Ledang", "Bawang Putih, Bawang Merah", "Ketam Sumpahan", "Nasi Menjadi Bunga", "Si Tanggang" and "Rasa Sayang".

Take a culinary journey through the 14 states of Malaysia and savour classic and favourite recipes that celebrate Malaysia's gastronomic ingredients, flavours and legacy. Dishes such as the "Malaysiaku Signature Otak-Otak, Cured and Pickled Chilean Seabass, Roasted Beef with Spicy Coconut Gravy and more are sure to make you satiated.

The "Malaysiaku" menu ideas is spearheaded by Carmen Chua, CEO of IFC Hotel Sdn Bhd and curated by executive sous chef Norazizi Taslim, banquet chef de cuisine Mohd. Ridwan Mohamed Rasit and pastry sous Chef Azizul Bistaman. It serves as an immersive dining experience that will continue to evolve and showcase the gastronomic heritage of Malaysian cuisine taking inspiration from Malaysia's own cultural heritage. It will be available at The Brasserie on Aug 7, 31 and Sept 16, 2020. Takeaways and deliveries will be available from Aug 8 until Sept 15, with 24-hour advanced order.

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Salad Kerabu - Puteri Gunung Ledang

# Nathalie Gourmet Studio

BY AGNES AUL

Located in Publika is Nathalie Gourmet Studio, a restaurant serving luscious French cuisine. An experience at Nathalie Gourmet Studio will not disappoint as you take on a culinary journey of bold and brilliant flavours.

For starters, we savoured the apple tatin and seared foie gras tart with crispy duck stock tuile. The layered dish almost felt like an appetiser and dessert in one as the silky foie gras melted gracefully onto the poached apple and washed our palates with hints of salt at the end from the unique duck stock tuile.

Shortly thereafter, we indulged in our mains which were Nathalie's version of a bouillabaisse and seared beef tenderloin with bourguignon reduction. The bouillabaisse was a seafood medley featuring seared malabar, slipper lobster, scallops, crispy croutons and rouille alongside a fragrant broth that brought us to France. The beef tenderloin was a flawless medium rare as zucchini and artichoke hearts elegantly decorated the plate. A creamy side of sweet potato foam gave an extra touch to the already well executed dish.

To end, we had the Opera new age where hot chocolate was poured onto a Valrhona chocolate dome that encased homemade vanilla ice cream atop the prominent chocolate and coffee dessert. The sweet treat exuded decadence and by the end of our meal, all we wanted was more

Nathalie Gourmet Studio \*Creative Fusion and French Cuisine \*pork-free Publika Shopping Gallery, 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur 03-6207 9572





BY AGNES AUI

Settling in the heart of Sri Hartamas and helmed by founder Adam is Cor Blimey!, a restaurant dedicated to bringing authentic British fish and chips that are Muslimfriendly and can be enjoyed by everyone. Adam discovered his passion for the famous dish in England and decided to share it with Malaysians nationwide.

## "Signature" British Fish and Chips

A must-try when visiting Cor Blimey! is the "Signature" British Fish and Chips. Aside from flawless hand-battered and deepfried Atlantic cod, diners also get to try the triple-cooked chunky chips and mushy peas that come as side dishes. Though if you're looking for add ons, try the British chip-shop additions like curry sauce or classic, then splash on some malt vinegar and salt (that's available on every table) onto your chips. Trust us when we say, it's the perfect union.

### "Fish & Chips" Family Feast

As its name suggests, this dish is perfect for feasting with your family or friends. Not



only does this dish feature four types of fish namely the Atlantic cod, Pacific halibut, Ocean perch and dory, but they're deepfried in different batter flavours like curry, chilli lemon, onion and garlic, and more. We personally feel it's the ultimate choice as you get various fish options alongside distinct locally-flavoured batters.

# **Bangers and Mash**

today.

It doesn't get more British than a plate of bangers and mash. Find juicy chicken pickled eggs. But if you want to keep it sausages delicately resting atop a generous serving of mashed potato, garden peas and a bowl of onion gravy. Just by appearance, we could already tell that the sausages were homemade and in a bite, we savoured memorable bursts of succulence that still lingers in our minds till

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## Deep-fried "Mars" Bar Chocolate with Ice-cream

Known as a Scottish chip-shop legend, this one-of-a-kind dessert features mini Mars bar chocolates that are deep-fried and served with vanilla ice cream. This distinct dessert is a favourite and the best place to get them is at Cor Blimey!

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# Kebab Bowl The Famous New York Trend

BY AGNES AUI

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choice if you're on the go.

fresh vegetables and its secret white and red

sauce are skilfully packed and wrapped in

a wholemeal flatbread, making it the ideal

Kebab Bowl's new venture, and we're here

you find yourself visiting the lively stall.

chunks,

rice, chicken

t the vibrant Ardence Labs is a humble food stall serving fresh and authentic Middle Eastern-style kebabs. Kebab Bowl was established in 2018 and pays homage to the popular trend that overtook New York at the time. Travellers from all over the world would fly to the concrete jungle just to get a taste of the trendy kebab in bowls.

However, the founders of Kebab Bowl figured they would bring the famous New York trend to local grounds for those who could not travel all the way to American soil. Therefore, after having sought for high-grade and halal-certified meats to be used in the dishes, Kebab Bowl was finally born.

The main dish that has even embedded itself into the stall's name features high quality steamed long-grain yellow rice topped with succulent and flavoursome chicken chunks, fresh cabbage, red tomatoes, soft flatbread triangles and drizzled generously with an iconic secret white sauce and red sauce. We recommend getting a bit of everything when taking a bite from the KB Bowl as the elements work well when combined with each other.

If you're not keen on trying the KB bowl, opt for the KB wrap instead. Long-grain yellow

The snacks feature crunchy, crisp and fresh seafood like fish fillets, squid rings, shrimp bombs, tempura prawns, potato-wrapped prawns and more. Each item is also generously drenched in its iconic white and red sauce that makes it delectable and a hit with young children who often patronise Ardence Labs with their families.

> Aside from seafood, potato enthusiasts can also rejoice as tater tots, hashbrowns and sweet potato balls are served here. With a crispy exterior and a soft, warm interior, it's evident that the

customers are taken such as contact tracing and temperature checks. As for staff, wearing a mask, sanitising hands regularly and temperature checks are also a must. Nevertheless, if you would like to enjoy Kebab Bowl's dishes in the comfort of your own home, you can order via GrabFood or Aliments.

However, deep-fried seafood snacks are Kebab Bowl \*Middle Eastern Cuisine \*halal Lab 25, PT8, Persiaran Setia Alam, Eco Ardence, to tell you that it's one worth trying should Seksyen U13, 40170 Shah Alam, Selangor





potato dishes are handled with care and cooked with expertise. When dining at Kebab Bowl, be assured that safety measures for



# Good Blue Men The Perfect Infusion

BY AGNES AUI

ocated at Happy Mansion is Good Blue Men, a homey and warm haven that many would find solace in, be it on a sunny afternoon or a rainy morning. The cafe serves Asian and Western fusion cuisine, sticking to an 80-20 rule 80% Western flavours and 20% Asian flair. Not only are the dishes enchanting to look at, but taste phenomenal and intriguing at the same time.

Presenting the cafe's newest addition to its menu, Stirred Up features a vegetable hash and chicken ham topped with poached eggs and a zesty cream sauce. Pausing to admire its beauty is normal, as the dish is almost too pretty to eat. But as you indulge in the glistening mix, you'll notice the balance of flavours from the silky poached eggs, tangy cream sauce and piquant chicken ham. Alongside are fresh zucchini and velvety potatoes, making it a must-try dish for your next visit.

If you're looking for evident Asian punches, try the Kam Heong Chicken sandwich or the Asam Pasta, both being big and bold in taste. The Kam Heong Chicken sandwich uses kam heong sauce that's homemade with 13 herbs and spices, alongside freshly made oregano toast. Spiced chicken breast sandwiched between two crispy Western toast may sound unconventional, but the moreish infusion will leave you fascinated.

As for the Asam Pasta, it's a clever play on the popular Malaysian 'asam laksa' dish. We personally recommend it to those who are seeking unique yet flavoursome creations as the sharp sweet, sour and spicy combination will interest your palate. Don't forget to end your meal with the GBM brownies that are warm, oozy and chocolatey brownies layered with hot fudge and topped with sweet vanilla ice cream. Trust us when we say it'll be a sinful treat that's worth every bite.

As for drinks, our favourite may sound odd at first, but the mint cream in Mint To Be was perfectly balanced and added an ideal sweetness to the contrasting bitter coffee. All in all, dining at Good Blue Men was atypical and we can't wait to drop by again.

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# Ground

# **A Hidden Treasure**

BY AGNES AUI

Find solace among the houses in Uptown Damansara at Ground, a minimalistic and upscale cafe that serves breathtaking fusion dishes alongside stunning coffee and tea creations. The interior is simple over here, yet beautiful for aesthetic pictures, which is the focus when food hunting these days. With luscious greenery throughout the space, it's easy to feel at ease as you indulge in its impressive creations.

The polo diavola is Italian for 'devil's chicken', where half a chicken is marinated in Italian flavours, mustard, honey and herbs. Served with a side of mashed potato and salad, the chicken was succulent and juicy while the sweet and herby flavours exploded with every bite we took. Within minutes, the chicken had been wiped clean to its bones, the fragrant combination left lingering on our taste buds.

Carbonara is made the classic way at Ground. The sauce is made of cream, parmesan cheese and an egg yolk, and was easily our favourite as the familiar yet bold flavours made it an interactive experience. An ultimate definition of Asian and Western fusion would have to be the braised BBQ beef. The dish featured generous portions of soft and tender braised beef atop a slice of crunchy and fresh sourdough bread, a definite ideal dish for weekend brunches.

However, if you're looking for other brunch options, try the kaya and egg toast that's an elevated version of your casual kopitiam eggs and toast. Apart from that, you can try the homemade pastries like the banana and almond croissant or the sea salt kouign-amann. Our personal favourite was the latter, a crunchy, sweet and salty mix that still has us reminiscing for more.

If you're wondering what to pair your dishes with, go ahead with some of Ground's delicious drink creations like the cold tea macchiato. The drink is a play on macchiato but with aromatic tea instead, bringing together a unique combination of frothy milk on top with refreshing tea at the bottom. It was truly like no other union we had tasted before. Another favourite of ours was the V60, a brew from Kenya with flavours of blackcurrant, red apple and Coca Cola. However, the V60 changes from time to time based on season so expect a special surprise every time you pay a visit.

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# JungleBird

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

Feel like a modern day Tarzan and Jane at JungleBird, where its interior resembles a contemporary tree house, decked in locally-made rattan furniture, bamboo and lush rainforest print wallpaper, creating an inviting tropical ambience.

Crowned as a rumah rum, it tipples take inspiration from its surroundings, offering an extensive variety of spirits, with a heavy focus on rum. Here, you can find curated selection of over 100 rums from all over the world - rumah rum indeed. For the adventurous and a lesson on rum, JungleBird's draw card is its rum flights, each featuring a variety of 20ml tasting glasses, from the Latin-style to the likes of premium French Caribbean rhum agricole. This way, you get a little taste of everything.

Onto their cocktails, which in our books, can do no wrong, we choose the Venezuelan Royale, an ode to the classic Manhattan. Diplomatico Mantuano serves at the base of this cocktail - there's a smooth and sweet fruitiness to it. This is complemented by the combination of averna (liqueur), blackberry, chocolate bitters and gula merah, resulting in an exotic concoction. Another creative one for the books is the Cendol Colada, a simple and indulgent rendition inspired by the cendol. The Diplomatico Planas is the spirit of choice here for its slightly sweet, coconut flavour packed with a bit of heat. Added to the mix is pandan, JungleBird coconut cream, pineapple, citrus and finally, ais cendol for garnish.

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# Marimbar The Rooftop Bar

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

There's nothing like spending the evenings with a cocktail in hand while basking in the panoramic view of PJ's skyline at Marimbar The Rooftop Bar. Perched on the 35th floor of Pinnacle PJ Tower and tucked under the umbrella of The Marini Group, this bar is embellished with a wall of foliage and animal print furniture.

In true Marini Group fashion, the menu at Marimbar features a myriad of Italian fare while its signature cocktails remain true to the bar's rainforest theme. Speaking of cocktails, expect the libations to be masterfully crafted and presented for the gram.

Start with a glass of Blue Moon - its hue easily disappears into the backdrop of the sky. This fruity concoction comprises gin as its spirit, sweet and sour, pineapple juice and blue curacao.

For something more refreshing yet still tropical, we suggest the Pisco Disco, a dangerously drinkable cocktail made from a medley of chrysanthemuminfused Pisco, lychee liqueur, lime juice, lychee juice and pandan syrup.

Evoke your inner goddess with The Red Rimba, a bold yet sweet tipple made from lemongrass-infused gin, raspberry puree, lemon juice, pandan syrup, ginger and egg white to match your persona.

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# Cheers<sub>2</sub>Cheers

BY AGNES AUI

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, many may have conformed to avoiding social lounges due to the crowd. To conquer this, JIS Kuala Lumpur has decided to launch Cheers2Cheers, a drink delivery platform that aims to offer the same in-house social lounge experience through a variety of unique alcoholic and non-alcoholic selections.

Trademarked by Cheers2Cheers, the official Cocktail Heist collection features drinks like Bella Ciao, Partner in Crime, Distinctive Laugh, Stockholm Syndrome and more. Our personal favourites are Stockholm Syndrome where notes of Chardonnay white wine boldly protrude, and Distinctive Laugh that's made of Bosford gin, Midori, pineapple juice and Monin pandan syrup. The latter is ideal for those who prefer something sweet and light with familiar flavours.

With this platform, guests can also explore a selection of divine alcohol-infused cakes fit for any occasion. We tried the Martell VSOP Caramel Cake, a decadent chocolate and rich caramel flavour alongside layers of liquor cream in between. It's the perfect hint of sweetness mixed with a mild tinge of bitterness with every bite.

But what sets Cheers2Cheers apart from other platforms are the mood-curated playlists, aimed at offering experiential drinking sessions. Users will be able to select a specific mood on the website and enjoy the playlist with their cocktail of choice. Thus, bringing the social lounge to you.

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# **Botak Liquor Bar**

BY AGNES AUL

Located above Chocha Foodstore is a hidden bar filled with foliage and offering Malaysian-flavoured cocktails. Ideal for those seeking unique bars, Botak Liquor Bar curates drinks that take you on a journey of local flavours.

A favourite of ours, the Bunga Kantan, is almost perceived as wine or champagne. It plays with hints of floral and nuttiness, possibly from the bunga kantan cordial and pumpkin seed infused vodka. But the refreshing end of carbonated water from tap and calamansi juice was what drew us in for more.

The Bunga Raya highlights tuak, a popular Sarawak rice wine, alonaside hibiscus kombucha and mangosteen cordial. The result is a sparkling and bittersweet mix that exudes every element that Malaysians love.

Nevertheless, the options don't end there, which brings us to the alluring Daun Kari featuring Sarawak pineapple, milk-washed pisco, curry leaves and lemon. By using a milk washing technique that was popular back in the 1600s, what you get is a silky and soft cocktail with the aroma of curry leaves and a slight tang at the end.

The final drink we tried was the Kelapa, made of coconut oil, gin, banana flower vermouth and bitter bianco. With the first sip, we tasted traces of coconut before the bitter bianco hit and left us lingering on floral inkling. Though our visit was short, it left us with a sweet and notable experience.

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# Jalur Gemilang

# Malaysian food that represents the colours of the national flag

## BY AGNES AUI

Not only do Malaysians have a variety of food options to choose from, but little do they know, that many Malaysian dishes actually match the colours of the National flag. From ayam masak merah and roti jala to tosai and pulut tai tai, here are the various Malaysian dishes that represent the colours of the beloved Jalur Gemilang.



# BLUE

Blue represents unity, and we couldn't think of a better dish than nasi kerabu. Also known as herb rice, the Kelantan version of it features blue-coloured rice, fresh herbs, salted egg, fish crackers, spiced sauce and deep-fried fish. The blue pigment is often naturally obtained from the butterfly pea flower which is also used to make variations of healthy tea and the pulut tai tai. Pulut tai tai is a Nyonya dessert made from glutinous rice and is usually served with kaya, otherwise known as sweet coconut jam. Pulut tai tai is made by compacting the rice and steaming it for four hours before allowing it to cool at room temperature.



# WHITE

Signifying purity, we find that the appam and tosai best represent this colour. These dishes deriving from Indian culture are almost similar, whereby both dishes use fermented batter. Appam is made with fermented rice batter and coconut milk, and is often served with desiccated coconut and brown sugar. However, eating it with curry is also an option, making it a versatile choice. Tosai, on the other hand, is made with fermented batter and is somewhat similar to a crepe in appearance. Originating from South India, tosai typically exudes hints of tang and is often served with coconut chutney, dhal and chicken curry.





# RED

Signifying bravery, there are many dishes, particularly those that are spicy, that represent this bold colour. Ayam masak merah, for example, is one of them. Succulent pieces of chicken are drenched in savoury and spicy red curry, often cooked with onions and topped with cilantro. Pair this dish with some fragrant white rice and it's sure to satisfy your cravings. Another dish that represents red is chicken tandoori. commonly found in what Malaysians would call the 'mamak'. Chicken tandoori is often served with red onions and a drizzle of lime juice, making it a dish full of tang and spices.

# YELLOW

In the Jalur Gemilang, yellow represents the royal colour of our rulers. Similarly, there are also a variety of Malaysian food that is yellow as well. Take roti jala, for example, the soft roll-up pancake typically eaten with chicken curry for breakfast. Of course, there isn't a specific time to enjoy roti jala as you can have it for lunch or dinner too. If you're looking for a classic Malaysian dessert that's yellow, look to kuih bingka ubi kayu, which also translates to cassava cake or tapioca cake. This sticky yet flavoursome cake is made of tapioca and is often eaten as a snack or dessert in local households.

# Ice Ice Baby

# Shaved ice, the Malaysian way

BY AGNES AUI

Due to our tropical weather, it's inevitable to crave for a bowl of Malaysian ais kacang especially when you feel like the sun is piercing through your skin on particular days. Shaved ice with colourful condiments, cendol and gula melaka has become a staple and has evolved into many other shaved ice varieties.



## BABA LOW'S

Located in Lorong Kurau, Bangsar, Baba Low's is known for serving some of the best Peranakan food in the area. Its dishes are simple yet full of notes and personality. If you find yourself craving for a homey bowl of cendol, try Baba Low's version which features classic ingredients like coconut milk, gula melaka, red kidney beans and creamed corn. But as soon as you take the first scoop, the aromas of gula melaka will fill your nostrils to the brim before the coconut milk simmers it down. Though its appearance is nothing fancy, the flavour exceeds expectations and you'll find yourself coming back for it over and over again.



## DURIAN KING TTDI

Established in 2015, Durian King TTDI has been a household name when it comes to savouring the king of fruits. What started out as a small roadside stall with only five tables turned into a hotspot with over 70 tables during the peak of the durian season. With a mission to provide high-quality durian, Durian King TTDI also serves the one-of-akind durian cendol. Yes, you read that right. It's the ultimate Malaysian combination of sweet cendol with high-grade durian flesh on top. To make things better, Durian King TTDI also offers delivery option for this delectable dessert, so you can enjoy it in the comfort of your own home.

## **KWONG WAH AIS KACANG**

With sixty years of experience in the bag, this humble and nostalgic stall in Happy Mansion is where you can find some of the most authentic cendol and ais kacang. Not only does the interior take us back in time when these cooling treats were sold on wooden push carts, the ais kacang and cendol dessert itself is also kept classic and simply delish. A huge mountain of ice is drenched in aromatic coconut milk, gula melaka and soft cendol jelly or occasionally, rose syrup. Break the ice mountain down and stir it all up before taking endless sips till the last drop.



# KEK SENG CAFE

Known to be over a century old, Kek Seng Cafe in Penang Island serves one of the most unique ais kacang that features ice cream and a large vibrant jelly. If you'd like to blend in when ordering, try using the term 'Ang Tau Seing' which is ais kacang in Penang Hokkien dialect. The dessert comes on a plate rather than the typical bowl, and is loaded with coconut milk, creamed corn, red beans, two generous scoops of ice cream and a jiggly layered jelly. This luscious treat only costs around five ringgit and is sure to brighten up your already sunny getaway.





## MILO KEPAL KETAGIH PUCHONG

As young children growing up, Milo played a big role in our lives. From having a glass of Milo before school in the morning to lining up (twice) for a cup of it from the Milo truck on sports day, the popular chocolate malt drink has embedded itself in Malaysian culture. That's why when we heard of this Milo shaved ice variation, we couldn't resist. Similar to what others would call a snow cone, Milo kepal features shaved ice shaped into a ball and doused in Milo syrup topped with nuts and sprinkles. The result is an icy and sugary delight that will satisfy the little children in us.



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# MORE THAN NATURAL WONDERS, A GATEWAY TO EPIC EXPEDITIONS.

# KOTA KINABALU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THE GATEWAY TO GETAWAYS

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A corporate leader with diverse experience, he is harnessing the latest technological advances to spur Malaysia Airports to greater heights as a smart aviation regional hub.

This month, Dato' Mohd Shukrie Mohd Salleh shares how the opening of Malaysia's borders to Singapore and its first travel bubble agreement will further improve passenger and aircraft movements. This augurs well as Malaysia comes to the end of the fourth stage of the country's Movement Control Order on Independence Day. The airport operator continues to manage its airports efficiently and carries out critical upgrades throughout this period of the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak in the country.

# Airport GCEO Speaks

ith the relaxation in the opening of our country's borders through the implementation of the first Malaysia-Singapore Reciprocal Green Lane, which was announced on 14 July by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs from these two countries, we look forward to welcome more such travel corridor agreements following the government-to-government discussions with other countries such as Japan, Brunei, Australia, New Zealand and South Korea.

We applaud our local carriers' relentless and aggressive sales campaigns to increase load factors during such unprecedented tough times when our international borders have not been fully opened. Despite such odds, AirAsia reportedly sold over 200,000 of its Unlimited Pass Cuti-Cuti Malaysia while the launch of Malaysia Airlines and Japan Airlines' joint business partnership is a welcome breath to Malaysia's aviation industry.

Many are looking forward to how the travel bubble between Malaysia and Japan will be panned out by the two governments as far as the standard operating procedures are

concerned. It is good to know that Malaysia's national carrier has started offering hygiene kits onboard all its flights that contains a disposable face mask, gel sanitiser and hand sanitising wipe sealed in a zip-lock bag for the passengers' convenience.

Statistics from the 39 airports managed by us in Malaysia show that passenger and aircraft movements in the first nine days of July have doubled, with a daily average of about 37,000 and 550 respectively compared to about 18,650 and 290 in the last nine days of June. Although these numbers mainly represent domestic traffic movements, we are happy with the progress made and expect the Hari Raya Aidiladha long weekend break to stimulate travel within the country.

At our fully-owned Istanbul Sabiha Gökçen International Airport in Turkey, I am happy to observe that Pegasus Airlines and AnadoluJet continue to show strong growth in their operations as they are expanding their reach to more destinations and countries over the last two months since the travel restrictions were lifted.



Facing the new challenges arising from the Covid-19 outbreak, we successfully conducted our maiden virtual annual general meeting (AGM) with live webcast and remote online voting last month as part of the new way of conducting business taking into account the safety concerns of our shareholders. All the resolutions were passed.

During this slowdown period arising from Covid-19, Malaysia Airports took advantage to conduct critical upgrades without disrupting much of the operation at our airports. We also implemented several technology-enabled measures at KL International Airport in order to provide a safe and contactless experience for our passengers. Among them were contactless security screening, automated disinfection using ultraviolet rays and facial recognition.

As part of our digitalisation transformation journey, more technological advancements are also being explored continuously to benchmark ourselves against the best practices of other airports globally. Expect to see cleaner, safer and greener airports from us!



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# **Travel Bubbles to Spur Covid-19 Recovery**

igh hopes have been pinned on the discussions being held between various governments on "travel bubble" agreements to reopen the cross borders between countries, which are expected to restore the freedom of movement of its people as well as spur their economic recovery, in particular their adversely-hit tourism and aviation sectors.

The term "travel bubble" broadly covers similar references such as travel corridor, green lane, air or travel bridge and even "corona corridor", deriving its name from the novel coronavirus (Covid-19) which put the world's economy almost to an unprecedented standstill under the lockdown and types of travel restrictions that were imposed by various countries.

Under such "travel bubble" aareements between countries where this pandemic is deemed to be under control by the authorities. preparations to lift travel restrictions to allow for freer movements within the "bubble" are in the pipeline.

How soon they take off depends very much on the bilateral agreements, mutual trust and cooperation between these countries and whether their health standard operating procedures are acceptable to one another among other things.

In the case of the much-awaited reopening of the borders between Malaysia and Singapore, it will be commencing on 10 August after the Covid-19 pandemic forced both countries to close their borders for several months. To ensure strict health and safety requirements, those allowed to travel will have to take prevention measures such as the polymerase chain reaction swab tests.

Officials from both countries will soon be publishing the requirements, health protocols and application process for entry and exit. These details are expected to be released 10



days before the Reciprocal Green Lane (RCL) and Periodic Commuting Arrangement are implemented.

The RCL enables cross-border travel for essential business and official purposes between both countries while the latter allows citizens of the two countries holding long-term immigration passes for business and work purposes to travel for work.

Talks to develop other appropriate schemes for the cross-border movement of people, including a daily cross-border commuting proposal for work purposes for travellers from both countries, are also underway as some 300,000 Malaysian workers commute daily to Sinaapore across the Causeway.

That figure does not take into account the numbers that fly into the Lion City for business and other purposes. Prior to Covid-19, the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore sector was the world's most trafficked international airline route with 30,187 flights in 2019, according to flight data firm OAG.

At Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd's recent annual general meeting, its Group Chief Executive Officer Dato' Mohd Shukrie Mohd Salleh assures that the airport operator is ready to scale up to accommodate the travel bubble once the government agrees to reopen its international borders. That includes addressing the possible bottleneck in the passenger flow arising from the Covid-19 testing.



He says Malaysia Airports not only continued its operations during the pandemic despite flights being reduced to below 5% but had also implemented extra precautionary measures to ensure its passengers' safety. At the pandemic's peak, it was handling around 5,000 to 10,000 passengers daily through KL International Airport from repatriation flights to bring home Malaysians from around the world.

Besides Singapore, Malaysia has also identified Brunei, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea to establish travel bubble agreements but talks with these five green zone countries are still under negotiations. There are also some other countries that are being explored but the Ministry of Health (MoH) director general Datuk Dr Noor Hisham Abdullah reminds that all such agreements must be "mutual and reciprocal".

With the recent resurgence of cases of the deadly virus in Beijing, Melbourne, Seoul, Tokyo and other Japanese cities, MoH is likely to adopt a cautious stand for fear of bringing about a second wave of the virus into the country especially from imported cases as it opens up its borders.

Datuk Dr Noor Hisham had mentioned in his recent press briefings that further announcements of more travel bubble

agreements would be announced before or after the end of the Recovery Movement Control Order on 31 August.

According to Ascend by Cirium, "Unlike previous economically-driven downturns, pos Covid-19 intra-region recovery will likely be driven by bilateral agreements." After witnessing the deepest drop in global air traffic in April since the start of the pandemic, the global travel and data analytics expert says its schedule data shows potential recovery across most of Asia Pacific markets through the month of July.

Citing China's plans to establish "travel bubbles" with South Korea and Singapore for essential business travel. Cirium says other Asian bubbles under discussion include Australia and New Zealand, Japan and Taiwan, as well as Vietnam and Thailand.

According to a recent news report, Japan, which is resuming its business flights with 10 more countries that include China, South Korea and Taiwan, intends to hold such talks with Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos and Mongolia. Already having similar discussions with Vietnam, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand, Japan says it plans to back up its move with more Covid-19 testing capacity in its cities nationwide.

Meanwhile, the European Travel Agents' and Tour Operators' Associations President Pawel Niewiadomski, a proponent of phased and coordinated approach in the lifting of border controls as well as the restoration of freedom of movements, was looking at the removal of restrictions between the European Union and ASEAN member countries in July but warns that they are subject to the bilateral agreements and regulations.

Sharing the European tourism experience, which opened for business in mid-June. Niewiadomski says poor consumer confidence resulted in few bookings and with most of the travels being domestic. visiting friends and family. He attributes it to lack of complete, reliable and up-to-date information on the opening of the borders as well as on the quarantine, health and safety requirements.

While emphasizing that information is key in helping to restore confidence in a destination. he adds that it would be helpful if foreign travellers are briefed properly on the various standard operating procedures before their arrival in a country like, "Do we need to wear a mask when visiting certain places?"

Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents deputy president Mohd Akil Mohd Yusof believes that the responsibility of getting the correct information out there lies not with just the travel agencies and tourist guides but also with the country's tourism promotion arm Tourism Malaysia and the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture itself.

In the all-out war against this invisible Covid-19 virus to reopen our borders, it is imperative that all tourism related parties work closely together. They include the Malaysian Association of Hotels, Malaysian Inbound Tourism Association, Malaysian Association of Convention and Exhibition Organisers and Suppliers and Malaysia Convention & Exhibition Bureau. In the new normal of doing things, a stronger and strategic public and private partnership is thus very much needed to create with innovative packages and ideas to promote Malaysia as a destination.

# Star Alliance Member Airlines Unite in **Common Standards and Planning**

o support efforts in restoring public confidence in air travel, Star Alliance, the world's largest global airline alliance, and its member airlines have been working on a series of measures to ensure health & hygiene safety of customers when they fly across the alliance, and to provide health & hygiene-related information at their fingertips, all to help provide peace of mind when they plan their travel.

On 30 June, the 26 member airlines of Star Alliance have gareed to a common set of health and hygiene safety measures intended to provide customers the comfort of knowing that whenever they are onboard any Star Alliance flight, they can expect consistent care on access to hygiene amenities, protective wear by fellow passengers and crew, special procedures for handling unwell passengers and crew, and enhanced processes and disinfectant products for aircraft cleaning.

Star Alliance is cutting through the everchanging information maze in an effort to provide customers with a deeper level of journey information on what they may expect at each point of their travel.



Customers now can access its newly developed Travel Information Hub that has the most relevant health and hygiene measures adopted by all its member airlines and an extensive range of airports in the Star Alliance network. The information resource is intended to help customers prepare for their journey and to fly with confidence, with enhancements for a more personalised experience and in multiple languages made available in July.

Jeffrey Goh, CEO of Star Alliance, said "It goes without saying that safety of our customers is the No.1 priority. We have been working with our member airlines to adopt measures that assure the well-being of our customers so that, when they're ready, they

can fly with confidence."

He added, "The commitments from our member airlines and the Travel Information Hub are two first steps we are taking to reassure customers of their health & hygiene safety when they travel across the Alliance. We are also working on a number ofinitiatives to both reaffirm that assurance and enhance the seamless experience of a Star Alliance journey."

The aviation industry is facing the greatest challenge in its history. Working with stakeholders in the industry. Star Alliance and its member airlines are united in helping to restore and maintain confidence in air travel. and in connecting people and cultures once again.



# Malaysia Airlines & Japan Airlines **Commence** Joint-Business



alaysia Airlines (MH) and Japan Airlines (JL) have launched a joint business partnership on 25 July 2020, where the two carriers will cooperate commercially on flights between Malaysia and Japan. Through the Joint Business, JL and MH will take on new challenges to further enhance convenience between Japan and Malaysia and allow customers to benefit from more flight choices.

In August this year, MH serves twice weekly services for the Kuala Lumpur - Tokyo Narita route on Wednesdays and Sundays and twice weekly for the Tokyo Narita - Kuala Lumpur route on Mondays and Thursdays. Meanwhile, JL is offering services on Tuesdays and Fridays for the Kuala Lumpur - Tokyo Narita route and Wednesdays and Sundays for the Tokyo Narita - Kuala Lumpur route at the same frequency.

This initiative will enable MH and JL to enhance their capabilities, and leverage on each other's strengths. The carriers

share best practices and responsibilities in line with a sustainable business model in the long haul. With JL's renowned precision in service and offerings, combined with MH's signature Malaysian Hospitality, customers are promised the best travel experience.

At the same time, MH and JL are committed to uphold the highest standards in aircraft safety and hygiene procedures to protect their passengers and employees. With the significant shift in consumer expectations on air travel post Covid-19, they have adjusted to the new norm with modifications to offerings on ground and onboard as well as processes and procedures from check-in, boarding and arrival to uphold the highest safety and health standards.

Captain Izham Ismail, Group Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Airlines said, "I am excited that the Joint Business is finally taking off after a few months of delay due to travel restrictions between both countries. We look forward to the bilateral discussions



between the governments of Malaysia and Japan to establish a travel bubble between the two countries, which will ease restrictions for cross-border travel. MH being the country's national airline and JL, play a crucial role in reviving the economy and we are confident that this synergy will facilitate commerce, trade, and boost tourism for both countries."

President of Japan Airlines, Yuji Akasaka added, "We are pleased to announce our newest joint business partnership with fellow oneworld member, Malaysia Airlines, While our expanded relationship is being launched during unprecedented times, it has allowed both Japan Airlines and Malaysia Airlines to ensure the highest standards of safety and hygiene are in place from the onset for our mutual customers' peace of mind. And with hospitality in mind, we are confident that customers will delight in the in-flight experience and enjoy convenient flight schedules and seamless services."

# **Emirates to Fly A380** to London Heathrow and Paris

he highly popular Emirates A380 aircraft began serving travellers on flights to London Heathrow and Paris from 15 July. This marked the return of Emirates' flagship aircraft on scheduled services since the pandemic forced the temporary grounding of the airline's passenger fleet in March.

Adel Al Redha, Emirates' Chief Operating Officer said: "The A380 remains a popular aircraft amongst our customers and it offers many unique on-board features. We are delighted to bring it back into the skies to serve our customers on flights to London and Paris from 15 July, and we are looking forward to gradually introduce our A380 into more destinations according to the travel demand on specific destinations. The Emirates A380 experience remains unique in the industry, and even though we've modified services onboard for the health and safety of our crew and customers, we are confident that our customers would welcome flying again in this guiet, comfortable aircraft."

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In addition, Emirates has commenced flights to Dhaka (from 24 June), and Munich (from 15 July), adding to its growing network. These flights will be operated with a Boeing 777-300ER aircraft.

This follows the announcement that Dubai has been reopened to business and leisure visitors from 7 July, with new air travel protocols that facilitate travel for UAE citizens, residents and tourists while safeguarding the health and safety of travellers and communities.

Emirates currently offers flights to over 40 cities, with safe and convenient connections to, from, and through its Dubai hub for customers travelling between the Asia Pacific, the Gulf, Europe and the Americas.

Emirates has implemented a comprehensive set of measures at every step of the customer journey to ensure the safety of its customers and employees on the ground and in the air, including the distribution of complimentary hygiene kits containing masks, gloves, hand sanitisers and antibacterial wipes to all customers.

For more information, please visit www.emirates.com

# Air Arabia Abu Dhabi **Starts Operation to Egypt**

ir Arabia Abu Dhabi, the capital's first low-cost carrier, took wings on 14 July 2020 with direct flights connecting Abu Dhabi with Alexandria, Egypt. The inaugural flight took off from Abu Dhabi to Alexandria on that day followed by flights to Sohag, Egypt the next day.

Air Arabia Abu Dhabi was formed following an agreement by Etihad Airways and Air Arabia to establish an independent joint venture company that will operate as a low-cost passenger airline with Abu Dhabi International Airport as its hub. The capital's first low-cost carrier follows the business model of Air Arabia and complements the services of Etihad Airways from Abu Dhabi thereby catering to the growing low-cost travel market segment in the region.

Tony Douglas, Group Chief Executive Officer, Etihad Aviation Group, said: "In these extraordinary times, it gives us great pride to launch Air Arabia Abu Dhabi. the capital's first low-cost carrier. This joint venture between Etihad and Air Arabia will offer greater convenience and direct access to the UAE's thriving capital for new markets worldwide, beginning with two key Egyptian routes, and expanding in time.

Adel Al Ali, Group Chief Executive Officer, Air Arabia, said: "We are delighted to announce the launch of the first flight of Air Arabia Abu Dhabi. While the global aviation sector continues to witness unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19 pandemic, this step is a testament to the strength of the UAE aviation sector and our commitment to its long-term prospects.



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"Egypt is a key travel market and the launch of the first flights reflects our focus on supporting commercial and trade ties between both nations while providing our customers with a new value-for-money option to travel between both countries.

"Abu Dhabi is a major travel and tourism hub and Air Arabia Abu Dhabi will further serve this vision by positioning Abu Dhabi as a key hub in the region for low-cost travel. We look forward to expanding Air Arabia Abu Dhabi's destination network as more airports open up and flights resume."

For more information, please visit www.airarabia.com

# Delta Added Almost 1,000 Flights in July

s economies reopened and border restrictions were lifted, Delta added almost 1,000 flights system-wide in July, boosting service and nonstop connectivity to popular summer destinations and major business markets.

For Trans-Pacific flights, Delta continues to operate a significantly reduced schedule to the Asia-Pacific region but will restart weekly service from Los Angeles to Sydney in July. The airline will also add weekly flights from Atlanta to Seoul-Incheon, complementing existing service from Detroit and Seattle, and continue to operate service to Tokyo-Haneda from Detroit and Seattle.

In addition, Delta will subsequently operate service to Shanghai (via Incheon) from both Detroit and Seattle. Service from each city will operate once a week.

Customers travelling or considering travel in the summer season can feel confident in a safe experience throughout the journey, from check-in to baggage claim. Delta has implemented several measures to encourage extra space and provide peace of mind at the airport, as well as committed to capping cabin seating at 60 percent in Main Cabin and 50 percent in First Class and blocking middle seats through 30 September 2020.

"Confidence in a safe travel experience is key to a successful recovery," said Joe Esposito, Senior Vice President - Network Planning. "While we're rebuilding our network at home and abroad, it's even more critical that we provide the highest industry standard of safety, space and cleanliness so when our customers are ready to travel, we're ready for them."

Customers also have the flexibility to change their plans without a fee for a year, for new flights purchased through 31 July.

Even with the modest growth in demand, Delta's July schedule will be approximately 65 percent smaller than the same time last year, including reductions of about 60 percent for U.S. domestic travel and nearly 85 percent for international.

As Delta looks ahead to the remainder of the summer travel season, the airline will stay focused on adding seat capacity, gradually rebuilding its footprint in local markets and resuming high-demand services that were suspended due to travel restrictions.

For more information on updates and flight schedules, please visit www.delta.com



# Air Astana Resumes International Network

ir Astana, Kazakhstan's flag carrier, has recently resumed its flights to Istanbul from Nur-Sultan, Almaty and Atyrau. The airline's flights to Antalya resumed on 20 June from Almaty and on 21 June from Nur-Sultan, while flights from Almaty to Tbilisi resumed on 1 July. International flights are mainly operated by the Airbus A320 and A321 as well as the Embraer E190-E2 aircraft.

In addition, Air Astana has also launched a brand-new service from Almaty to Batumi on the Black Sea coast of Georgia on 3 July.

Regarding safety precautions taken by the airline's crew members, Islam Sekerbekov, Air Astana Sales Director said, "Cabin crew on international flights are provided with facemasks and additional attention is made to cleaning and disinfection of the aircraft cabin." Additionally, temperature checks of all passengers and crew members travelling on international flights are checked on arrival in Kazakhstan by state sanitary services. Moreover, after each flight, the aircraft is thoroughly cleaned and the cabin is treated twice with the special disinfectant.

This follows the announcement that Kazakhstan will resume international flights to China, Georgia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand, and Turkey. This easing of restrictions was conducted in accordance with the decision of a governmental commission tasked with analysing the risks and benefits of opening up Kazakhstan's borders to certain countries. The decisions were made taking into account the recommendations of the Kazakh Health Care Ministry, while safeguarding the health and safety of travellers and communities.





Passengers arriving from Georgia and South Korea will undergo thermal checks and are required to complete a health questionnaire upon arrival in Kazakhstan.

Further safety measures for passengers arriving from Turkey include a PCR (polymerase chain reaction) test result showing that passengers test negative for

Covid-19, and the confirmation has to be done within five days prior to entry to Kazakhstan or done within 48 hours of arrival.

For more information, please contact 03 - 2144 1571 or visit www.airastana.com





# Singapore Airlines Launches KrisPay It Forward to Thank Frontliners

S ingapore Airlines launched KrisPay It Forward, a new project that enables KrisFlyer members to donate their miles via the KrisPay app to buy edible treats for 100,000 healthcare workers, conservancy workers, public transport operators, taxi drivers and migrant workers in Singapore.

KrisFlyer members will be able to show their appreciation for the frontliners in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as other unsung heroes in the community, through this project which is part of the airlines' #SIAcares initiative.

This campaign ran until 15 July, or until the target of funding 50,000 treats with the

donated miles, was met. Singapore Airlines matched this with another 50,000 treats.

Each donation of 450 KrisPay miles (equivalent to S\$3) purchased one treat. These included a samosa set, a muffin and bun set, a milk tea or green tea set, a doughnut set, and a curry puff set. These will be provided by KrisPay partners such as Anglo-Indian Café and Bar, Cedele, Gong Cha, Krispy Kreme, Polar Puffs & Cakes, and Sakunthala's Food Palace. The treats were prepared by the airlines' partners and delivered to the recipients after the target was reached.

To donate, KrisFlyer members downloaded and logged in to the KrisPay app. They then clicked on the KrisPay It Forward link in the "Highlights" section and followed the instructions. Members topped up their KrisPay wallet with KrisFlyer miles and donated any amount they wished.

JoAnn Tan, Acting Senior Vice President, Marketing Planning, said: "This initiative provides a platform for KrisFlyer members to show their support for frontliners, and as well as many of the unsung heroes in our community. This is our small way of thanking them by giving them a well-deserved treat and giving local businesses a boost at the same time."

For more information, please visit www.singaporeairlines.com

# Malaysia Reopens Borders to International Healthcare Travellers

he Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) welcomed the announcement by the Senior Minister (Security) Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob, on the Government's decision to reopen the country's international borders to healthcare travellers. This serves as a positive indicator for Malaysia's economy as it marks a significant rebound for the healthcare travel industry.

As patient safety and that of Malaysians remain the topmost priority, this allowance is further subjected to the approved stringent Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These SOPs include, but are not limited to, healthcare travellers registering and scheduling appointments with MHTC's member hospitals before travelling here for treatment. More information regarding these SOPs will be made available to the public once details have been finalised. Sherene Azli, Chief Executive Officer of MHTC, said "Malaysia Healthcare has leveraged and adopted digital technologies such as telehealth services to ensure continuity of care for all our patients abroad. With Malaysia's excellent performance in flattening the curve, we have reopened our international borders for patients from selected countries, or those within the healthcare travel bubbles. We have stringent SOPs in place to ensure the safety of patients and locals is prioritised while enabling our healthcare travellers to receive world-class healthcare from the World's Healthcare Marvel."

The Malaysian Government's efficient management of the pandemic has seen a significant reduction in the number of cases. This is a testament to the trust and confidence in its robust healthcare system, substantiating Malaysia's recognition as





the World's Healthcare Marvel. Malaysia's strong foundation in pandemic preparedness has even earned MHTC global recognition, particularly from the World Health Organization.

The Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) is an agency under the Ministry of Health tasked to facilitate and promote the healthcare travel industry of Malaysia by coordinating industry collaborations and building valuable public-private partnerships, at home and abroad.



# **AVIATION INTERVIEW WITH NAGUIB MOHD NOR**

# President of Malaysia Aerospace Industry Association (MAIA)

Naguib Mohd Nor is the founding member and President of MAIA since its inception in 2016. A visionary and passionate man for the civil aerospace industry, he is optimistic for Malaysia's future as a Manufacturing, MRO hub and producer of world-class engineers. A man of refreshing candour, Naguib shares with AIRLINK Malaysia's shining beacon of hope for the aerospace and aviation industry.



# Please briefly explain the role that MAIA plays for its members. Established in 2016, the MAIA is an

association for maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), manufacturing, and other services as well as products companies that focus on the civil aviation market. We represent our members (over 90 of them) to the government and the global industry. Our members range from the large companies to the SMEs as well as some of the peripheral players, such as consulting and quality management companies.

Some of the larger companies that we represent are GE Engine Service Malaysia, Spirit Aerosystems, UMW Aerospace, Aero Composites Malaysia, Asia Aerotechnic, and Strand Aerospace. These are Tier-1 companies that supply parts and services to global original equipment manufacturers.

Most countries with a developed aerospace industry would have an association such as ourselves. And, it is reflective of the highly collaborative nature of the industry. Being part of the association means that collaborative efforts can easily

be organised and it portrays the overall capability for the country.

## How has the civil MRO (maintenance, repair, and overhaul) industry in Malaysia been faring since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic?

All segments of the industry have been affected, overall 30-50% of capacity has been reduced as a result of the pandemic. Although aircraft parts manufacturing was ongoing, the airlines were not taking any deliveries. This caused a chain effect of companies recording a continual reduction in their bottom line and thus retrenchment and contract termination have been taking place.

The silver lining is that some OEM's and Tier 1 companies are taking this opportunity to re-think how they want to run their businesses. Furthermore, the Malaysian export market may be a benefactor of the US-China trade war, thus there may be some opportunities to be capitalised.

Nevertheless, it remains to be said, that worse has yet to begin, and we may be on the verge of entering a deep recession. In which case, any form of certainty regarding the industry and the economy's future outlook as a whole, is murky at best.

## How much does the aerospace industry contribute to the economy?

Malaysia is the second largest aerospace market in Southeast Asia and the largest aero structures manufacturer in the region.

In 2018, the manufacturing and MRO industry contributed approximately RM14 billion, while an estimated RM16 - 17 billion was contributed in 2019. The aerospace industry also employs 26,000 Malaysians. The industry mainly employs Malaysians, as the local labour force already possesses the necessary skills to take on such a high-skill job.

An estimated RM603 million in tax income

is raised via the sector's supply chain, and another RM367 million through spending by employees of the aviation sector and its supply chain.

## How will MAIA preserve & support the aerospace industry during these trying times?

As it is a platform for maturing industries, in the past, MAIA has been successful in bringing together companies where they are able to leverage MAIA for assistance in growth and access into new markets, networking within industry and championing the industry's interest with focus on public policy development.

This factor is equally relevant during these trying times, because of the nature of MAIA in fostering active dialogue between the industry players. The association becomes a platform for collaborative efforts as well as a collective identity for our members to voice out their concerns to the government.

For example, during the MCO period, we were quick to communicate and work with the government so that the civil aerospace industry would be free to operate again. As a result, the government gave us the earliest restart in the industry. This greatly benefitted our members and the disruption to the supply chain of the industry was limited due to our quick action. MAIA collectively also aims for a recovery of the global industry to 2019 pre-COVID levels between 2022 – 2023.

## How can MAIA work with **Malaysia Airports to further** develop the aerospace industry?

First of all, Malaysia Airports is an active member in MAIA. In the past, there has been many collaborative work between us. At the moment, I believe that the KLIA Aeropolis, which is going to be an integrated hub for the aerospace industry as well as the MICE and logistics industry, will be a catalyst to our industry. The MRO and manufacturing industry will be a great benefactor. This indicates that Malaysia Airports is fully committed on the vision that any investment in the aerospace industry will spill over to the aviation industry.

On the other hand, I am pleased to highlight that MAIA recently signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Selangor Darul Ehsan Aerospace Industry Coordination Office (SDaico). This also counts as a strategic partnership between us and Malaysia Airports as well, since MAHB's key airports are located in Selangor. I would also like to highlight that the state of Selangor comprises 60% of the country's aerospace industry.

Despite severe headwinds, do Prior to the pandemic, the industry was investing into technology development such as automation, skills-development, and Internet of Things systems (IoT). The industry sees this as an opportunity to

taking place in the industry in the near future. In addition, some of the things that the aerospace industry has in store for the world includes autonomous flying, and thus large global players such as Áirbus are in the process of building new infrastructure such as digital air traffic management. The future will be exciting indeed.

What has been your greatest achievement thus far as President of MAIA?

First of all, I'm still president! But jokes aside, our membership growth has been my biggest pride and joy- we have grown almost a tenfold. We started with only 10-15 members and now we have over 90 members. We hope to be home to 150 members by mid-2021. This is a testament to how much MAIA can do for its members.

I hope our strategic programs becomes more significant. By transforming the Malaysian industrial landscape, we can then build better prospects for the economy.

**Malaysia Airports is embarking** on the Subang Regeneration Initiative to position Malaysia as Asia-Pacific's preferred MRO hub, what is your view on this? Imagine walking into a place where on one side is a factory that builds parts of Airbus, an academy where the country's finest pilots are being trained, and an airport where local airlines connect to the world. Like a little kid that walks into Disneyland for the first time, I believe that the Subana Regeneration Initiatives (SRI) has huge potential to turn Subang to more than what

I hope that it will bring together the brains of the aerospace industry. Building planes is an extremely intricate task, and this reflects the level of intelligence that is possessed in the Malaysian aerospace industry. To me, this intelligence is a beacon of hope and as a benchmark for how Malaysians can build a high technology economy ground up. We are part of realising one of the most

# you see opportunities to advance certain avenues of the industry?

boost workflow volumes, revenues as well as a high-skilled workforce and more jobs. Technological prowess will be a need to have, as there will be much innovation

complicated export industries in the world!

Hence, I believe that SRI has the vision to become the embodiment of that vision. And by the way, the manoeuvrable parts of the wing of an Airbus A320 are mostly made in Malaysia! This means that without us, the plane can only fly in a straight line. I believe that when Malaysians accept these things as a matter of fact, this is when the country has evolved. We need Malaysians to believe in Malaysia.

## What is your educational background and how has this brought success to your role as president?

did my Bachelors in Aerospace Engineering in Manchester University and then I completed my Masters in Aerospace Vehicle Design at Cranfield University. However, things really became interesting for me when I got my first job at Stress Analysis and Design Engineering UK. During this time, the A380 was being developed, this was when I got to learn first-hand how the OEM worked, how Airbus designed and manufactured their planes. It is truly a remarkable process reliant on some of the most competent people I have ever met. This then became the foundation for my career moving forward.

I came back to Malaysia to start Strand as an aerospace engineering design and analysis company in 2006, specialising in offshoring work from Europe. During this time, the government supported our program to train engineers and so we were one of the first pure-play engineering services companies in Malaysia to develop civil aerospace design and analysis engineers capable of designing primary structural components for Airbus, Boeing and other OEM's. Strand has since added to its portfolio turnkey technology consulting services supporting other organisations to enter into Aerospace.

That was my journey as an entrepreneur and techno-preneur. This experience was extremely important, as when the association was formed in 2016, I had an encompassing view of the industry while at the same time. I had built a network with government ministers to which MAIA and its members has leveraged on. To start the association I was invited to spend a week in Paris with the French Aerospace Industry Association (GIFAS) to benchmark best practices and to found MAIA's first international alliance with no less than the oldest and most established aerospace industry association.





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Take the weekend to explore Terengganu, an East Coast state boasting culture, idyllic islands and delicious food.

## SEE AND DO

Kuala Terengganu, is a quaint coastal city that beams with diversity, culture, heritage buildings and idyllic beaches. Soak in the sun, sand and sea at Pantai Batu Buruk, the city's popular beach. Conveniently located opposite the Cultural Centre Stage, immerse yourself in a local cultural show here. Saunter through **Chinatown** to find many traditional shops and houses built in Chinese architecture. Next, the Teck Soon Heritage House, identified by its three different hues of blue grants a lesson on the history of Chinese culture in Kuala Terengganu, also known as Peranakan.

Take pictures of a pretty building in Kuala Terengganu, the Istana Muziah. Situated near the central market, this former palace of the sultan was erected in colonial architecture. While you're near the central market, known as Pasar Payang, where you can view handwoven textiles known as songket and pick up a few trinkets for cheap. The ground floor, on the other hand, is dedicated to Terengganu's popular produce and exotic ingredients. There's also a hill named **Bukit Puteri** nearby, granting vistas of the city. At the summit, you will also find the ruins of a 19th century fort.

Take a ride through the town with the Cas Liaas Bus, a unique bus designed in the model of a traditional house in Terengganu that takes you on a heritage tour of the city. Dive deeper into the state's arts and culture at Kraftangan Malaysia, merely 4 km away from Kuala Terengganu. Located approximately 7 km away from the capital city, marvel at Masjid Kristal (Crystal Mosque), a grand

structure made from steel, glass and crystal in the Islamic Heritage Park on Pulau Wan Man. Unwind at Pulau Duyung, the largest island across the city, famous for its boat building business. Alternatively, seek serenity at Pulau Redang, part of the wider Redang Island Marine Park and also known for its diverse range of underwater beings. Tasik Kenyir, one of the biggest man-made lakes in Southeast Asia, also warrants a visit for its 8,000 species of flowers, 2,500 species of plants, 1,000 species of birds and 800 species of butterflies.

## EAT AND SAVOUR

Food in Terengganu is abundant, offering a variety of local delights For starters, indulge in nasi dagang (comprising a mixture of white rice and glutinous rice with coconut milk, served with gulai ikan tongkol and boiled egg) at Nasi Dagang Mak Ngah, nasi kerabu (a medley of local vegetables and served with bunga telang rice, kerisik

glutinous rice and cooked in a rich and creamy coconut milk gravy - and nasi air - rice in clear chicken broth, accompanied by other condiments for flavour.

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for all budgets and preferences await in Terengganu, from five-star resorts such as The Taaras Beach & Spa Resort, Berjava Redang Resort and Tanjong Jara Resort to

more budget-friendly options such as The Zenith Hotel, Hotel Grand Continental, and to seaside stays such as the Duyong Marina & Resort and Primula Beach Hotel. If you would like to give the hotels a miss and immerse yourself in a homestay experience with the family instead, you can opt for Rareheart Guesthouse, Village Homestay, Ad Azim Homestay Pantai Batu Buruk, Seaview Holiday Apartment and Mamaaira Seaview Homestay.



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# FASHION & BEAUTY NEWS

All the must-knows and must-haves of the month

BY AGNES AU

# AT YOUR DOOR

Kate Spade New York has announced a home delivery service for their beloved shoppers and loyal customers. It is available for selected stores in Malaysia. Customers can shop for the latest collections virtually and place an order where the customers' favourite pieces are safely shipped directly to their doors. In order to further ensure safe shopping procedures, shoppers can explore the brand's latest colourful collection via Kate Spade New York's e-catalogue. There is also no minimum spend required and all items will be safely delivered to the doorstep free of charge. From now on, customers shopping with this designated home delivery will receive an exclusive gift with all purchases over RM1,200, while supplies last. *www.katespade.com* 





# COACH ON DELIVERY

Prioritising wellness and safety, Coach has introduced the new 'Coach on delivery', a complimentary and fuss-free service that allows customers to shop for Coach products from the safety and comfort of their homes. Shoppers can browse the season's highlights, including ready-towear, bags, wallets, footwear and accessories for both men and women via the Malaysian Coach website. Some unique elements customers can expect to get with this delivery service include gift boxes and messaging, same day delivery for Klang Valley addresses during weekdays for orders placed before 12 pm, and return and exchange where shoppers are allowed to return unsatisfactory items to Coach for free within 30 days for an exchange. Those who purchase any Coach items via 'Coach on delivery' will also receive an exclusive monogrammed hangtag, a customised item to make the package extra special as a gift. www.coach.com



# **GRAND COLLABORATION**

Swiss timepiece companies MB&F and H. Moser & Cie. has collaborated once again to produce the Legacy Machine 101 (LM101) that retails at RM216,500. The LM101 distills the very quintessence of mechanical watchmaking which is the balance wheel, the power reserve and the passing of time. Technical Specifications of the LM101 include three-dimensional horological movement developed in-house by MB&F, manual winding with single mainspring barrel, 14mm balance wheel with four traditional regulating screws floating above the movement and a 45-hour power reserve. The strap comes in hand-stitched black alligator leather or steel folding buckle engraved with the Moser logo. The LM101 is available in four limited editions of 15 pieces in stainless steel. This features the funky blue fumé dial, cosmic green fumé dial, ged fumé dial and a special edition with aqua blue fumé dial made for the retailer, Ahmed Seddiqi & Sons. *www.mbandf.comaa* 

# **NEXT-LEVEL SUSTAINABILITY**

Nike's exploratory footwear collection, called Space Hippie, is constructed with "space junk", better known as factory and post-consumer waste. This collection ethically combines sustainable practices with radical design. Each of the four Space Hippie silhouettes provide a unique aesthetic and fit, including traditional laces as well as laceless designs. The manufacturing employs about 85 to 90 percent of recycled polyester Space Waste Yarn, recycled Nike ZoomX foam and crater foam (a blend of standard Nike foams and Nike grind rubber), resulting in a revolutionary design with a low carbon footprint. Nike also aims to protect the future of sports through its journey toward zero carbon and zero waste. It includes commitments such as eliminating single-use plastics on Nike's campuses worldwide and initiating dialogue among the global design community. www.nike.com



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# ATTRACTIVE AROMA Essential fragrances to add to your perfume collection

BY AGNES AUI

# 1. CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN BEAUTY TORNADE BLONDE PERFUME OIL

"Feminine and potent, animalistic yet floral," says Christian Louboutin of this signature scent. Fresh Rhubarb top notes are blended with a base of sweet Bulgarian rose and citrus orange flower petals, exuding a calm earthy cedarwood and Australian sandalwood base. It's definitely an ideal luxurious fragrance to own. RM1.874

2. DIOR J'ADORE EAU DE PARFUM Give your bathroom an added touch of extravagance with this sizeable candle that emits a sweet fragrance of lavender and thyme alongside smoky aromas of cedarwood and incense. The handcrafted ceramic vessel features a portrait of Fornasetti's muse, Lina Cavalieri, covered with gold squares inspired by geometric designs from the '50s. RM620

## 3. TOM FORD BEAUTY BEAU DE JOUR EAU DE PARFUM

Nothing makes a man more attractive than a great scent, and that's exactly what Tom Ford Beauty does in this fragrance. The core of the scent is made of a herbal African rosemary and floral green geranium with a subtle hint of mint. Patchouli and Amber create a woody and musky smell, elevating the perfume's refreshing notes. RM1,389



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# **DIVERSE COMMUNITY**

In conjunction with the launch of Cartier's new Pasha watch, the luxury brand is bringing together and celebrating a diverse and international group of famous change makers. With its distinctive codes and extraordinary desian, the Pasha watch has always been for those who take a wider view of the world. This vision is shared by a new generation of talents who have cultivated their own uniqueness, like the English actress Maisie Williams who involved herself in various collaborative projects, and actor Rami Malek who is drawn to complex roles that don't conform to Hollywood's traditional standards. Other personalities include artistes Trove Sivan and Willow Smith who are courageous in asserting themselves and have faith in their creativity and versatility. Lastly, Chinese singer Jackson Wang who desires to unite and connect young people, all of which are visions shared by Cartier. The Pasha de Cartier watch launch in China on July 1 and it will be on Sept 4 for the rest of the world. It will be available in 35mm and 41mm in steel, gold, vibrant diamond-set and skeleton movement versions. www.cartier.com

LIMITED EDITION With 26 years of research on skin's moisturising mechanism, Laneige specialises in empowering the skin with luminous hydration. With this, Laneige is introducing the limited edition water bank hydro essence formulated with hydro-lightening, the newest addition to the Laneige water bank series. The key to activating one's natural moisturising factor is the discovery of minerals. Hydro-lightening is a technology which combines green mineral water, garden cress and functional ingredients developed based on the brand's years of research and know-how. It was developed to deliver moisture-radiant skin through three key functions, namely: moisture-boosting, hydro-revitalise and hydro-radiance. The limited edition water bank hydro essence aims to hydrate and recover your skin, allowing it to return to its hydro-radiant best. www.laneige.com





# 4. JO MALONE LONDON VELVET ROSE & OUD COLOGNE INTENSE

Keep hair out of your face with this detailed hair pin from Balmain Paris Hair Couture. The hair pin is made from leather that's embellished with shimmering black crystals alongside a gold-tone slide that slips through both sides. Not only would this piece look chic when worn out but in the comfort of your powder room as well. RM676



## 5. TOM FORD BEAUTY WHITE SUEDE EAU DE PARFUM

Perfect for those who prefer floral, warm and spicy notes, this elegant musk-inspired fragrance captures the primal essence of leather and suede. It is packaged in an opulent white and gold glass casing velvety rose and warm amber notes to heighten the scent, making its wearer appear charming and evidently irresistible. RM1,080



# 6. TGUCCI BLOOM NETTARE DI FIORI EAU DE PARFUM

Known to contain 72 natural super ingredients, this serum is prized for its long-term anti-ageing effects. The ingredients include organic barley juice and acai extracts that are rich in nutritional antioxidants, spanish lavender and meadowsweet extracts that help with inflammations, and Arnica to boost elasticity.







**SAINT LAURENT** Tiered ruffle blouse in washed silk georgette RM9,590

DRIES VAN NOTEN

added metallic crinkle leather tote RM3,151

RUNWAY MARC JACOBS Pleated crystal-embellished cotton-corduroy straight-leg pants RM5,278

BUCCELLATI Rombi 18-karat yellow and white gold diamond earrings RM68,702

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GIVENCHY Chain-embellished

watersnake leather belt

RM4,095

BALENCIAGA Square Knife leather pumps RM3,822

# THE PERFECT PAIR

Walk the talk with these stylish pants outfits that matches any occasion

BY AGNES AUI



FENDI Black Logo-Jacquard Organza-Panelled Twill Trousers RM3,837

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GUCCI Logo-Embroidered Cable-Knit Wool Sweater RM3,523

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SAINT LAURENT Leather-Trimmed Cotton-Canvas Suit Carrier RM8,207

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From knitwear and coats to jackets and outerwear, tis' the season for layering BY AGNES AUI



LUXE SHOPPING

ERMENEGILDO ZEGNA Double-Breasted Cashmere Coat RM18,697

VALENTINO /alentino Garavan Logo-Embroidered Stretch-Wool Twill Baseball Cap RM1,554

# LAYER UP

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#### Home Away From Home

Prestigious international hotel chain Aman is presents Aman Villas, featuringprivate villas and a palazzo, available to rent in a variety of locations around the world. Seamlessly integrated into the surrounding landscape, Aman Villas are designed to afford maximum space and utmost seclusion and privacy, with full access to the resort's facilities. An additional dedicated personal service from a wealth of professional support such as private chefs, personal butlers, yoga instructors and spa therapists are also available. Why wait when you can enjoy this home away from home opportunity now?

#### A Trip To Paradise

Banyan Tree Group is introducing the Hacienda Xcanatum, its latest venture in Mexico that will be operated by its upscale brand Angsana. Hacienda Xcanatun by Angsana reflects the harmonic authenticity of a historic legacy, showcasing contemporary art and comfortable modernity. Pre-Hispanic and modern elements are incorporated throughout the new design, giving a sense of peace throughout the Hacienda. The refreshing experience includes 18 renovated suites designed by renowned Mexican architectural firm, Estudio 240. Hacienda also aims to be the first local resort that places an emphasis on luxury and indulging in the moment without having to worry about life.

#### **Paying Homage to Paris**

As a tribute to Paris in 1900, where the cognac producer received the highest praise at the Paris World Fair, Louis XIII is partnering with Monnaie de Paris and The Cristallerie of Saint-Louis to debut the limited edition 'Louis XIII Time Collection: Tribute To City of Light – 1900'. By having this piece of rarity, owners are given exclusive access to a full-size medal minted by the Monnaie de Paris special workshops and engraved with the same, unique number as the decanter. It will also provide clients seamless access to exclusive privileges from the integration of NFC technology on the cork stopper. Each decanter will directly connect clients to theLouis XIII Society, a private club where members can enjoy exclusive content, unique experiences and personalised services through their smartphones.



**LUXE** LIFESTYLE

#### Hotel meets Heritage

The Ritz-Carlton is introducing its latest hotel, located in the Northern Kanto region of Japan, Nikko. The Ritz-Carlton in Nikko is approximately two and a half hours north of Tokyo and is well-known for natural treasures like Kegon Falls and highly decorated shrines and religious temples. These treasures drew religious connotations and named as a UNESCO World Heritage site. The hotel thus intertwines the picturesque and scenic location with its opulent modern facilities such as a lounge for afternoon tea and a classy bar to enjoy cocktails. Highlights include the spa which focuses on natural rejuvenation, where guests are encouraged to use the natural hot springs as an authentic Japanese onsen tradition.

# LUXE KL lifeztyle BEAUTIFUL HOTEL DESTINATIONS **BUCKET LIST**

Somewhere along the way, hotels have become rightful destinations on their own. Here are some luxury hotels scattered across the globe that should be on top of your bucket

list, post-pandemic.

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

# **Bawah Reserve Bawah Island. 9** Indonesia

Feel like a modern day Jane at Bawah Reserve — cradled by Indonesia's Anambas archipelago and verdant foliage. Unplug, unwind and soak in the sun, sea and sand while on this luxurious private island. At Bawah Reserve, you leave the real world into a beautiful bubble where all you do is relax, go snorkelling at the three lagoons, explore the untouched hinterland, indulge in the open-air spa, and dine on Indonesian cuisine at the three waterfront restaurants. There's also no TV, so you're completely unplugged from reality. For the ultimate tropical-island hideaway, the Overwater Bungalows offer direct access to two turquoise-blue lagoons, so you can simply roll out of bed, put on your swimwear and dive in.

www.bawahreserve.com



# **Belmond Cap Juluca 9** Anguilla

Belmond Cap Juluca is a dream-like escape, spread across the Caribbean's most beautiful beach. Feel the breeze blowing across your private terrace, all a beachfront haven. Spend your days lazing or basking in the sun, discover the island's pristine sands, broad coral reefs and an unmissable culinary scene. When on vacation, it's only right to indulge and induce a carb coma courtesy of Cip's by Cipriani, or barbecued ribs served out of a vintage food truck on the beach. www.belmond.com



Branson.

Translated to beautiful place in Swahili, Mahali Mzuri is Sir Richard Branson's 12-tent luxury safari camp located in the private Olare Motorogi Conservancy in the wider Maasai Mara ecosystem in Kenya. It offers unbeatable front-row seats to the Great Wildebeest Migration. Boasting a mere 12 tents, each is scattered over an expansive plot, so you almost have the bush all to yourself. When you finally leave your stylist tent, go on drives with expert guides or a spa treatment while overlooking the endless plains, and stargazing after sunset. www.virginlimitededition.com



Six Senses Zil Pasyon **9** Seychelles

Paradise exists and it takes the form of Six Senses Zil Pasyon, tucked away in a lesserknown private island called Félicité in the Seychelles. This resort offers stunning vistas, white-sand beaches, soaring rocky outcrops and palm trees that sway to the wind. Happiness is easily achieved here. The stay here is met with an ocean-front pool, an ecoconscious ethos and a handful of eateries which offer the freshest seafood. Come morning, dip into your private pool or grab a snorkel and explore the island's pristine waters, and have your shoulder knots worked loose in the beach-side Six Senses Spa. As nightfall approaches, get cosy and sip from a jar of house-made rum and witness the sun bursting colours everywhere along the horizon. Soak in the view while indulging in scrumptious fare at the Ocean Kitchen - an alfresco eatery on a wooden deck by the shore. Diners can watch the chefs fillet and fry in the open kitchen; fish are served straight off the barbecue grill and a bread oven fills the space with an intoxicating scent as fresh-baked loaves emerge.



www.sixsenses.com

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## Mahali Mzuri Maasai Mara, Kenya

"When you think of going on a safari in Kenya, one of the first things that comes to mind is the Great Migration. Words just can't do justice to the majesty of this awe-inspiring spectacle. I hope you enjoy your Kenyan adventure as much as I always do." – Sir Richard

# Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco **?** Tuscany, Italy

Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco allures guests with its romantic notion of a 800year old Tuscan estate with 4,000-plus acres, a Brunello di Montalcino winery, two restaurants, a spa and a pool for those who seek sun sanctuary. Stay like royalty at the San Michele Suite - a lavish room that comes with an elegant sitting room with a library and garret and a bathroom with a generous tub for an evening soak. Be sure to request for a front-facing room that comes adorned with wooden shutters that open out to the village and the piazzetta (diminutive square). Other accommodations such as the Special Rooms, Junior and Borgo Suites are equally plush, all located in the main house and embellished in traditional Tuscan hues of ochre, burgundy and cypress green. The furniture are traditional, creating a romantic ambience, complemented by a sizeable fourposter bed.

www.rosewoodhotels.com

# CREATE YOUR SLEEP SANCTUARY

#### Bedroom Tips for Better Sleep

BY BY CRYSTAL CHONG



A good night's sleep can make or break your day, making the bedroom one of the most important spaces in your home. Stepping in should make you feel relaxed and at peace, setting you up for eight hours (or more) of quality sleep. There's no need for an expensive makeover to achieve this. Here, we share some ways to help vou create vour very own sleep sanctuary.

#### Get Oraanised

Choose Calm Colours

Keep It Cool

A messy room filled with clutter can stress you out. The pile of books you have yet to Add Scents read and probably never will. The old letters you were going to sort out. The abandoned Scents such as lavender, jasmine and vanilla art project from eight months ago. These are reminders of tasks you have yet to check off your to-do list, making it hard for you to truly You can get a spray for your room or invest rest. Start by getting rid of the unnecessary in an essential oil diffuser. Turn it on around items in your room, especially those that an hour before bed and prepare yourself for bring out negative feelings. Then, find a deep slumber. space for everything in the room and keep it organised.

While bright pink and bold patterns might

add great energy to the room and uplift your spirits, having calm, cool-tone colours such

as light grey and blue in your bedroom could

help improve sleep. Consider changing the

colours of your walls or simply change your

bedsheet and blanket so you can wrap

Sleep experts recommend keeping your

bedroom cool at around 18°c for better

yourself up in a more sleep-friendly hue.

Dim the Light Imagine getting ready for bed under bright, artificial light. Doesn't sound very relaxing, does it? Not only so, light can disrupt the production of melatonin, the hormone that

#### Get Rid of Stressors

On that note, it's best to leave the TV. laptop, phone and other devices outside of the bedroom as they too emit light and can stimulate the brain too much before bed. sleep. However, personal preferences may Beyond that, non-sleep-related items such as

vary, so it's best to find what works for you.

There's a reason spas love to use essential oils. can help you relax while also improving sleep quality. Test out scents and find one you like.

regulates the sleep-wake cycle, making it harder to fall asleep. Consider using floor or table lamps with dimmers at night to let your body know it's soon time for sleep.

exercise equipment, work-related files and folders, and calendars with upcoming events may be better off left outside the bedroom If you must keep them in your bedroom, set up a divider to separate them from the deepsleep zone. That is, your bed.

#### Keep It Quiet

It can be difficult to completely get rid of noise pollution, especially if you live in a bustling city. Cars honking, housemates talking too loud and dogs barking are just some of the unpleasant sounds that can disrupt your sleep. But, there are things you can do to help block out the noise. Switch to a heavier, solid wood door, seal the windows, get soundproof curtains, or simply get yourself earplugs or try a white noise machine.

#### Go Green

You might have heard it before. While potted plants can add a sense of nature's beauty to the room, their mere presence in our sleep space may also help with lowering blood pressure, reducing anxiety and creating overall positive feelings. That's a win all around!

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# NAIL NECESSITIES How to care for your nails at home

anicures are almost like accessories, they add 3. Avoid pushing or trimming your cuticles a pop of colour to your everyday outfits. Some It's a standard practice for nail salons to push and trim your cuticles. But little do you know cuticles are skin that protects the nail matrix people even get manicures done specifically for (or nail root), which is an area beneath the cuticle where your new dinners or events and have them removed the next day. nail grows from. Pushing and trimming cuticles means less protection However, having your nails done often can sometimes for the growth of new nails, allowing bacteria and germs to breed and cause infections. So bid farewell to wooden pushers and cuticle take a toll on them, which is why it's important to care cutters. for your nails at home. Below are some tips and tricks we've compiled just for you: 4. Use hydrating nail products

#### 1. Hydrate from the inside out

When your body is hydrated, you'll find it easier to detox and digest food. Not only that, your skin will also clear up and your nails will appear healthier than they were before. That's why it's crucial to keep your body hydrated from the inside out, and to do so by following the general goal of consuming eight glasses of water a day. Trust us when we say, your nails and cuticles will thank you for this.

#### 2. Always disinfect nail clippers, files and other at-home nail tools

Nails are notorious for housing bacteria because of how difficult it is to clean the nail underside. Besides that, most of us tend to not disinfect at-home nail tools, instead storing the unclean tools away for weeks until we require them again. It's important to disinfect the tools we use in order to prevent infections that may possibly permanently damage our nails. All you need to do is to clean your tools with 100% acetone or hand sanitiser after every use. Make sure to dry them properly before storing.

BY AGNES AUI

If you want that extra hydration despite already using hand creams, try adding some hydrating nail products to your daily routine. Nail oils help to rehydrate post-gel nails, smooth rough cuticles and repair existing brittle nails while nail serums help to soften cuticles and strengthen fragile nails. Nail and cuticle creams are lifesavers for those who suffer from dry and cracked cuticles while doubling up asnice hand creams as well.

#### 5. Avoid layering top coats

Many believe that adding a layer of top coat on a layer of polish every day helps to strengthen nails and allows the nail polish to last longer. Though the latter may be slightly true, layering on top coats every day doesn't help to strengthen your nails. It only makes your existing nail polish thicker as you're adding a new layer every day, resulting in you wasting top coats. Therefore, adding only a layer to finish off your manicure would suffice while other nail products could help strengthen your nails instead.

# HERBS THAT EASE STRESS

Natural Healing

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

ress is ever prevalent these days, rearing its ugly head when we least expect it. It's often debilitating and can take a toll on our mental health. Thankfully, there are a myriad of natural ways to manage and deal with daily stress, including meditation, a healthy diet, good sleep, and spending time with loved ones. You can also consider adding herbal supplements to your diet, especially adaptogens - herbs that support the body as these deal with stressors. Here, we list herbs that can help keep stress at bay.

#### **BANABA LEAF**

Banaba plant or Lagerstroemia speciosa is a plant native in the tropics of Southeast Asia. It is a herbal remedy used to aid weight loss as well as reduce the body's production of cortisol, the stress hormone. Rich in an active ingredient called corosolic acid, this agent slows the body from turning inactive cortisol to active cortisol, which as a result, combats stress and anxiety. Banaba plant may decrease blood pressure and blood sugar and should not be taken

#### PANAX GINSENG

Panax ginseng or Korean ginseng is, as its name indicates, found in Korea and some parts of China. It's an adaptogen

with those classes of medications.

which helps the body fight off stress by improving mood and immune function, according to a published research in the Journal of Ginseng Research. Take caution, because ginseng is shown to interact with other medications especially those for heart disease and high blood pressure, so don't mix your meds.

#### **MELATONIN**

Contrary to most assumptions, melatonin is not a plant; it's a hormone. It's produced naturally by the body to regulate your circadian rhythms and sleep-wake cycle. As night falls and it's time for bed, melatonin preps your body for it by increasing its levels. What's the correlation? Simple. Sleep is the body's way of de-stressing physically and

mentally every day. So simply put, if you lack sleep, stress will finds its way to creep in. So get enough sleep and soak up some sunshine in the mornings to boost melatonin. Alternatively, you can also consume synthetically-produced melatonin in the form of supplements, but do your research first. Just like aforementioned herbs, melatonin in high doses is also known to interfere with a wide variety of prescriptions and medications including those for diabetes, heart conditions, insomnia, depression, allergies and others. While interactions are mild. it's best to consult a doctor for safe measure.

#### RHODIOLA ROSEA

Rhodiola rosea is another herb, a flowering one that grows in cold, high-altitude regions of Europe and Asia. Used in traditional medicine for many years, it is believed that this herb can treat anxiety, depression , fatigue, anaemia and headaches. Rhodiola rosea's super power is its ability to teach the body to adapt to stress, also known as adaptogen. It

helps treat stress symptoms and can prevent chronic stress and stressrelated complications, according to research. Avoid consuming Rhodiola with blood pressure and blood-thinning medications.

#### **ASHWAGANDHA**

Ashwagandha, an ancient medicinal herb used in India for thousands of years has been said to provide numerous health benefits, including managing stress. Sharing similar functions to ginseng, this herb lowers stress hormones, increases immunity as well as alleviates depression and anxiety. Backing this fact is a small study published in the Indian Journal of Psychological Medicine which showed that subjects who were given 600 mg a day of high-concentration full-spectrum ashwagandha root extract for two months showed a significant reduction in scores on stress-assessment scales and lowered cortisol level (the "stress" hormone) in their blood. Avoid this if you're consuming medication such as benzodiazepines.



# KLAS HIGHLIGHTS

#### CHINESE ARTISTS AND THEIR ARTWORKS

BY HIRANMAYII AWII MOHANAN

istory is not only written by people, but often times also painted by people. Numerous painting masters have emerged from China, some keeping to traditional Chinese painting while other artists chose to question, rebel and revolutionise the modern and contemporary art in China. In this feature, KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) highlights five Chinese artists and their artworks.



Yang Ke Shan (Chinese, b. 1947) Girl with Sheep, 1987 Tempera on board. 26-1\_2 x 25-1\_2 inches (67.5 x 64.8 cm)

#### YANG KESHAN

Yang Keshan was born in 1944, in Xiahuyang, Henan Province. He graduated from the Fine Arts Department at the People's Liberation Army Art Institute, specialising in oil painting from 1986 and became a member of the Creative Studio at the Beijing Military Museum of Fine Arts. Yang dabbles in the medium of oil and aouache, and has studied under the tutelage of venerable oil painting artists such as He Kongde, Gao Quan and Cui Kai-Xi. The artist's works have been exhibited in several art shows within China and overseas. He was also commissioned to create large-scale, historical-themed oil paintings that have gone on to be collected by museums in China.

#### Artwork Description:

Yang Keshan painted a beautiful landscape in this piece, depicting a Tibetan girl adorning layers of clothing, indicating the climate, with a vista of the mountain before her and surrounded by sheep. Delicate brushstrokes make up the details of the subject, from her garment, mist-covered mountain to the sheep arazing the field. What a serene piece this is. instantly alluring its viewers.

#### **ARTWORK REFERENCES:**

Sotheby's Contemporary Asian Art 05 April 2015, HONG KONG Zhao Gana Untitled (Mao) Estimate: 20,000 - 40,000 HKD Sold for: 50,000 HKD

#### Christie's Asian Contemporary Art Online: Featuring the Chaney Family Collection

20 - 27 November 2017 Zhao Gana Untitled Estimate: USD 3.000 - USD 5.000 Sold for: USD 4.750

#### Christie's Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale)

25 May 2014, Hong Kong Zhao Gang So We Arrived At the United States Estimate: HKD 70.000 - HKD 100.000 Sold for: HKD 93.750

Poly Auction International's Chinese and Asian Modern and Contemporary Art Zhao Gang Li Shan in front of the Window Estimate: HKD 480,000 - 600,000 Sold for: HKD 509,760

#### SHENG QI

Sheng Qi is an internationally-recognised contemporary Chinese artist famed for his unique body of art and distinctive painting style. Sheng Qi was born in Anhui Province in 1965. He is a talented individual, his talent spanning painting, performance art and photography. Sheng Qi had the best collegiate career, studying in some of the world's best institutions for art. The artist attended the Central Academy of Art and Design in Beijing and he also lived and worked in Italy for a few years before earning a masters in fine arts from the Central Saint Martin's Academy of Art and Design in London, England.

Sheng Qi is synonymous with personal defiance following the events (student-led demonstration) in Tiananmen, 1989. Distressed by the massacre of the demonstrators by armed troops, Sheng Qi chopped off the pinky on his left hand and buried it in a flowerpot, which remained in Beijing throughout his European in New York and the Museum of Modern Art exile. Since then, he has woven the image of in New York. this self-mutilation into his work. He has been featured in Phaidon's 500 Self Portraits, The Sheng's work is driven by two objectives - to work highlights President Mao, with streams of



Chen Wen Hsi B. Singapore 1906-1991 Ink on Paper 64 x 75 cm

As both native and newcomer, Gang has **ZHAO GANG** developed a darkly ironic, often crude Born in Beijing, China, in 1961, Zhao Gang approach to depicting Chinese history. is an important figure in the development of His paintings omit centuries-old tropes with Chinese contemporary art. He is the youngest images from the Cultural Revolution, images member of the Stars Group-China's first drawn from memories of his childhood, modern art movement. In 1983, Zhao Gang and images of China as an economic and bid farewell to his home country to pursue an cultural powerhouse in the new millennium, as education, life and work in Gang in Europe portrayed in this work.



Mao-Red and Black, 2007 Acrylic on canvas 99.1 x 80.0 cm

Chinese Art Book and Body of Art alongside change the direction of where he sees Chinese red hue rushing down the painting, possibly contemporary and old masters such as Ai contemporary art is heading, and simply, to representing bloodshed that happened at the Weiwei, Andy Warhol and Michelangelo. ask questions. His work is daring, tackling Tiananmen Square massacre. Sheng Qi's artworks have been collected by unprecedented subjects to make the viewers prestigious museums such as the Metropolitan think, push boundaries and ask questions. This

and the United States. When the artist left China, there was no such thing as Chinese contemporary art. Upon his return to his home country 24 years later, in 2007, Gana developed a dynamic, provocative painting practice that freely amalgamated Western and Eastern influences while reflecting on the profound changes affecting China. By the time he returned, globalisation had birthed a myriad of styles and forms of art, but also an entire art economy. Although the artist is a native Chinese as well as an American, he considers himself an insider's outsider in both cultures

#### Artwork Description:

#### ARTWORK REFERENCES:

Sotheby's Contemporary Asian Art 03 October 2011, Hong Kong Sheng Qi Red Brass Tibet Estimate: 80,000 - 120.000 Sold for: HKD 62.500

Christie's Contemporary Art Asia: Hong Kona Edition Online, 20 - 27 November 2018 Shena Qi Peep Estimate: HKD 15.000 - HKD 25.000 Sold for: HKD 27.500

Christie's Asian Contemporary Art (Day Sale) 27 November 2011, Hong Kong Sheng Qi Estimate: HKD 70.000 - HKD 100.000 Sold for: HKD 87,500

#### **ART** FEATURES

#### LU HAO

Born in Beijing in 1969, Lu Hao graduated from the Chinese Ink Painting Department of the Central Academy of Fine Arts in Beijing in 1992. He had become recognised as an accomplished ink painter by 1997, when he began to explore other medium to express his concern about the clash between China's legacy and the drive to modernity propagated by the Chinese government. The propelling theme of Lu Hao's artistic career has been his deep dismay at the destruction of China's ancient cities. Lu Hao is one of a brilliant new generation of artists who represents modern China.

Lu Hao's artworks tightly associate with the transformations and developments of Chinese cities. His works embody the celebration, satire and mockery of such metamorphosis using plexialass as the primary material in his installation works. This specific material is often used in the construction of buildings, furniture and some large format building tools - an association to city developments. The artist has participated in numerous biennales all over the world such as the Venice Biennale, Sao Paolo Biennale, Shanghai Biennale, Lyon Biennale and Istanbul Biennale.



Lu Hao (Chinese, b. 1969) VANISHING HOME SERIES 2006 Acrylic on linen 80.0 x 99.7 cm

#### **GU WENDA**

Gu Wenda, a contemporary artist from China was born in 1955 in Shanahai. He lives and works in Brooklyn Heights, New York City with his wife, interior designer Kathryn Scott, while also maintaining studios in Shanghai and Xi'an, China. His works predominantly revolve around traditional Chinese calligraphy, poetry and has been said to work with human hair. Gu is among the most well-known and extensively artists in any medium. He has extended the boundaries of landscape painting, subverted meaning in Chinese calligraphy and raised provocative questions about what it means to be a Chinese artist in the modern world.

Gu aspired to grow up to become one of the Red

ARTWORK REFERENCES:

Sotheby's Contemporary Asian Art 04 October 2010, Hong Kong Lu Hao HOMES NO. 6 Estimate: 50,000 - 70,000 Sold for: 62,500 HKD

Sotheby's Contemporary Chinese Art 05 OCTOBER 2008, HONG KONG lu Hao VANISHING HOMES NO. 18 Estimate 100.000 - 150.000 HKD Sold for: 250,000 HKD

Christie's Post-War and Contemporary Art (Day Sale) 21 June 2007, London Lu Hao Untitled Estimate: GBP 10.000 - GBP 15.000 Sold for: GBP 50,400



Gu Wenda (Chinese, b. 1955). Untitled from the series Mythos of Lost Dynasties Ink on paper 96.5 x 59.7 cm

Guards (mass student-led paramilitary social movement mobilised and guided by Chairman Mao Zedong in 1966 through 1967) when he was younger, and eventually succeeded. As one of the Guards, he worked to simplify exhibited and published contemporary Chinese the Chinese language, and to encourage the masses to embrace new attitudes towards their old language: this was the period when the artist became educated in and interested in the traditional calligraphy which would later play a major role in his artworks. He simultaneously learnt wood carving but regardeded it as

practical exercise, devoid of creativity and art. Gu devoted much of his free time to pursue art and to ink paint in private.

Gu studied and later taught at the Zheijana Academy of Fine Arts (Now China Academy of Art). He rejected the landscape painting style of his well-respected advisor Lu Yanshao and instead pursued semi-abstract ink painting. His works are in major museums and private collections throughout the world and he has participated in numerous international solo and group exhibitions and biennales across the world including Beijing, Hong Kong, Taipei, New York, London, Paris, Berlin and Toronto.

Crowned as the master of ink painting, Gu plays around with Chinese calligraphy characters and words, removing or combining strokes which contribute to a landscape of compositional elements – one that is uniquely his hallmark. This painting, an untitled work from the series, Mythos of Lost Dynasties, is evident of such composition, challenging the authority of Chinese tradition.

#### **ARTWORK REFERENCES:**

Sotheby's Contemporary Art Online Hong Kong Gu Wenda Mythos of Lost Dynasties J Series - No. 20

Estimate: 60,000 120,000 HKD Sold for: 75,000HKD

Sotheby's The Origo Collection -Contemporary Ink Art 04 APRIL 2016, Hong Kong Gu Wenda Mythos of Lost Dynasties C Series #6: Cloud & Water Estimate: 400.000 - 600.000 HKD Sold for: 562,500 HKD

Poly Auction Chinese and Asian Modern and Contemporary Art Gu Wenda Mythos of Lost Dynasties, H Series-20 Estimate: HKD 150,000 - 250,000 Sold for: HKD 177,000

Poly Auction Modern and Contemporary Δrt

Gu Wenda Mythos of Lost Dynasties Series J No. 10 Estimate: HKD 30,000 - 50,000 Sold for: HKD 41.300

#### Christie's Chinese Contemporary Ink Hong Kong, 27 May 2019 Gu Wenda

Pseudo Character Series: Wind Storm Estimate: HKD 150.000 - HKD 250.000 Sold for: HKD 187,500

# KL LIFESTYLE ART SPACE JULY 2020 AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

BY NATASHA SELVAN

LAS marked another successful art auction on July 12, 2020. The event, which was held in Jalan Utara, Petaling Jaya complied with the SOP that the government put in place to control the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that quests were safe.

The auction featured many phenomenal artworks from Malaysia and its fellow South-East Asian countries. However, the stars of this particular auction included renowned local artists Khalil Ibrahim and Jailani Abu Hassan whose works were immensely popular amongst the bidders this vear. Artists Ahmad Shukri Mohamed, Ramon Orlina and Cesar Legaspi were also highlights of the auction as their stunning masterpieces were recognised and sold successfully.

The show stealer of the auction seemed to be none other than Filipino artist Cesar Legaspi whose incredible oil on wood, "Nude", sold for the enormous sum of RM71,680 to one very lucky bidder. Tailing closely behind was another Filipino artist Ramon Orlina whose untitled glass sculpture was purchased for RM 24,400.

Nevertheless, Malaysian artist Khalil Ibrahim stole the spotlight as two of his works were featured in this auction. Firstly, his ink on paper work, "East Coast Ladies", from 2003 sold for an impressive RM20,160 which was far higher than its opening price at RM4,000. Khalil's other masterpiece, a water colour painting known as



Cesar Legaspi B. Philippines, 1917 - 1994 Nude, 1978 Oil on wood 65 x 50 cm RM 71.680

"Fishing Village Road in Kuala Besar, Tumpat, Kelantan", had a starting price of RM 4,000 but was sold to a lucky bidder at RM11, 200.

The revelry continued with Malaysian artist, canvas work sold for RM14, 560.



AHMAD SHUKRI MOHAMED B. Kelantan, 1969 Untitled, 2000 Acrylic on canvas (Diptych) 122 x 122 cm RM 14, 560



Awang Damit Ahmad B. Sabah, 1956 Iraga "Memori Kelabu" 2004 Mixed media on canvas 148 x 122 cm RM 66.080

Jailani Abu Hassan whose breath-taking mixedmedia work, "Ikan Kekek, Kampong Pondok", sold for RM17, 920 which was far higher than its estimated selling price. Yet another Malaysian artist, Ahmad Shukri Mohamed's acrylic on



Jailani Abu Hassan B. Selangor, 1963 Ikan Kekek, Kampong Pondok, 2005 Mixed media on paper 111 x 76 cm RM 17 920



Khalil Ibrahim B. Kelantan, 1934 - 2018 East Coast Series - XXII, 1983 Acrylic on canvas 36 x 21 cm RM 29.120



Syed Thajudeen B. India, 1943 Lightness of Being, 1999 Oil on canvas 136.5 x 273 cm (Triptych) RM 84,000



SHARIFAH FATIMAH SYED ZUBIR, DATO' B. Kedah, 1958 120 x 100 cm Nursiyah, 2015 - 17 Acrylic on canvas 120 x 100 cm RM 45,000



Ismail Abdul Latiff B.Melaka, 1955 Puncak Malam...Kumbang Belukar, 2013 Acrylic on canvas 90 x 71 cm RM 10,640



Nizar Kamal Ariffin B.Pahang, 1964 Sejambak Aman #5, 2017 Acrylic on canvas 122 x 122 cm RM 14,560



MOHD KHAIRUL IZHAM B. Pahang, 1985 Di Ketika dan Waktu, 2015 Acrylic on canvas 197 x 152 cm RM 7,280



Seah Kim Joo B. Singapore, 1939 Seated Woman, 1970's Batik 60 x 45 cm RM 8,960



TEW NAI TONG B. Selangor, 1936 - 2013 Nice France, 2000 Acrylic on canvas RM 12,320



KHALIL IBRAHIM B. Kelantan, 1934 - 2018 East Coast Ladies, 2003t Ink on paper 40 x 57 cm RM 20,160



CESAR BUENAVENTURA B. Philippines, 1922 - 1983 Still Life Flowers, 1970 Oil on canvas 58 x 89 cm RM 3.416



Khalil Ibrahim B. Kelantan, 1934 - 2018 Fishing Village Road in Kuala Besar, Tumpat, Kelantan, 1984 Watercolour on paper 30 x 40 cm RM 11,200



Tay Mo Leong, Dato B. Penang, 1938 Goddess of Mercy Temple - Georgetown Penang, 1970's Watercolour on paper 57 x 75 cm RM 13, 440



Mochtar Apin B. Indonesia, 1923 -1994 Wanita Dengan Tangan di Leher, 1962 Oil on canvas 71 x 58 cm RM 26,880



POH SIEW WAH B. Singapore, 1948 Singapore River, 1980's Watercolour on paper 54 x 37 cm RM 3,472





Siri Rimba - Rawang 95 - 3 Swamps - 3, 1995 Mixed media on paper 21 x 26 cm RM 19.600



TAY BOON PIN B. Singapore, 1936 Untitled, 1972 Acrylic on canvas 35.5 x 28 cm RM 3,660

Ni Pollock Weaving Pastel crayon and watercolour on paper 46 x 62 cm RM 44,080

Ramon Orlina B. Philippines, 1944 Untitled Asahi Glass 15cm (H) x 21.5cm (W) x 14cm (D) RM 24,400



Abdul Latiff Mohidin B. N. Sembilan, 1941



**M. ZAIN** B. Terengganu, 1939 - 2000 Fishing Village, 1970's Oil on canvas 38 x 59 cm RM 5,000



Tay Bak Koi B. Singapore, 1939 - 2005 Forest, Circa 1980's Ink and colour on paper 43 x 83 cm RM 19,040



**Ong Kim Seng** B. Singapore, 1945 Darapani Find - Nepal Series, 1980 Ink and colour on paper 73.5 x 53 cm RM 28.000



Adrien-Jean Le Mayeur B. Belgium, 1880 - 1958



Romeo Tabuena B. Philippines, 1921 - 2015 Cathedral, 1967 Mixed media on board 42 x 58 cm RM 11,760

# **KLOÉ HOTEL** The Epitome of Aesthetics BY AGNES AUI

idden in Kuala Lumpur's bustling Bukit Bintang district is an 85-room boutique hotel that opened its doors in February 85-room boutique noier mai opened in 21 creative nomads, widely showcasing Malaysian contemporary art and design culture in every possible aspect. Collaborating with local artists and designers, KLoé is filled with uniquely curated pieces from furniture, lamp shades to ceramics - defining true distinctiveness while supporting local talents.

KLoé houses 80 standard and deluxe rooms, respectively known as city and courtyard rooms. Walk into these rooms and you're instantly greeted with agua hues and gold accents alongside splashes of gainsboro and camel. It also features real oak floorboards, Aesop toiletries and custom-made furniture and lights. But the highlight of KLoé is its five unique artist lofts, designed to celebrate divergent yet exceptional creative pursuits. These oneof-a-kind lofts are focused on art (Room to Draw), music (Room to Listen), food (Room to Taste), plants (Room to Grow), and books (Room to Read), where a separate living area with eccentric interior welcomes you.

#### FEAST

Dining at KLoé is a noteworthy experience, as every dish served is as exquisite in taste as it is gorgeous on plate. Brunch takes on a whole new level at Monroe with high-quality ingredients and prodigious pairings. Highlights of the big breakfast were the country baked beans as that paired significantly well with the toasted brioche. A favourite of ours was the picnic, a combination of high-grade, tea-cured salmon and a unique coddled egg over cheese-infused whipped potato. For lunch, we recommend the beef char siew bowl, a fragrant and stunning interpretation of char siew using slow-cooked Australian beef. Artisanal sandwiches, appev chocolate chip cookies and nitro coffee are also available at the hotel's Lucky Coffee.

#### REJUVENATE

Complete your getaway with a session of relaxation by the pool or at B.est Mind & Body, a space that offers holistic approaches to fitness and mindfulness. If you choose to spend a day by the pool, bring along an engaging book to ease up the mind as you lay on a large daybed and soak in the sound of nature. However, if you decide on holistic healing, take your pick from various distinctive classes such as Ashtanga, Hatha yoga therapy, sound healing and mat pilates. One thing's for sure, a weekend getaway at KLoé Hotel will have you leaving with endless picture memories and irreplaceable experiences.

KLoé Hotel 227 Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur 03 2772 1313 (24 hours)









beautifully-restored Analo-Colonial mansion Penang's earliest streets and lavish abodes for the Hakka tycoons. The building was erected in 1906 for tycoon Yeo Wee Gark. Designed with opulence in mind, the generous open space and extensive use of timber, metal, tile and glass were all synonymous with wealth.



D ich in its storied past, The Edison Post-World War II, the building was used as George Town remains firmly rooted as an administrative centre during the Japanese A part of Penang and its culture. This Occupation. It was only in the mid-1940's when the owner converted the mansion into stands majestically in Lebuh Leith — one of a hotel. Thereafter, several architectural and interior enhancements were made in the 1960's to better the hotel's offerings.

> Today, The Edison George Town is a juxtaposition of colonial charm and contemporary chic, complemented by excellent hospitality. Here, you can find friendly faces and an ever willingness to help guests, which make the stay here a joyous one. Seek refuge in one of the four categories of luxuriously-appointed guest rooms, where the interior is muted and cosy, each with commodious beds and fluffy pillows to drift into sweet slumber.

This hotel's space is generally hushed but it's also convivial, with all-day snacks and luxury, history and tranquillity. It awaits to be beverage offerings at The Lounge, picturediscovered. taking spot at The Courtyard and to bask in Address: The Edison George Town, 15 Lebuh Leith, the ambience at The Cabanas. Every nook George Town, 10200 Penang. and corner of The Edison is so stunning that, Tel: +604 262 2990 it urges one to whip out his or her phone for picture-taking



Deluxe Room

As twilight approaches, it's perfectly blissful to relish in a little pre-dinner tipple at this hotel, through its wine discovery. La Dolce Vita indeed. Leveraging on its ideal locale in the heart of the city, guests can easily embark on a gastronomic adventure just a stone's throw away. In the morning, a hearty breakfast at The Lounge awaits, boasting a variety of bread, fruits, cheese and egg renditions to choose from. To sum up, The Edison George Town is a lifestyle hotel that offers a blend of



GOLDEN SANDS RESORT PENANG

A Beachside Haven

BY HIRANMAYII AWLI MOHANAN

The Shangri-La Golden Sands Resort Penang, is one of Penang's grand dames of hotel, perched proudly on Batu Feringgi beach. The established resort allures with its family-friendly appeal, the sea as its backyard and its multifaceted recreational activities which include a water sports centre, three tennis courts, a Par-3 Executive Golf Course, a spa and beauty centre as well as two lagoon-shaped swimming pools.

#### ROOMS

The 387 guest rooms are given a tropical sprucing of wooden carved panels with sea-kelp designs and embellished with an Asian touch. Clean lines and calming shades of the room are in keeping with its picturesque surrounds. Travelling with a Full House-like family doesn't prove a challenge for Golden Sands Resort, seeing as it boasts 'family combo' units of two interconnecting rooms that can easily accommodate up to six persons. Besides that, 14 suites and 208 deluxe sea-view rooms provide the pinnacle in resort living. While the rooms or slices of heaven provide a respite from the metropolitan bustle, it doesn't take you away from modern-day facilities such as LED TV, DVD player, satellite TV channels, USB/ iPod/modem, ports in a user-friendly AV panel and free broadband Internet access.

#### SPLASH ZONE

Kids can have a wonderful time at The Golden Sands Resort, Penang. At the Splash Zone, children can have fun and adventure in the form of two water slides, complete with a landing pool, and a splash pad with tipping water bucket, water cannons, a rainbow sprayer, a butterfly and turtle sprayer, and a floor water jet. Carefully designed with safety in mind, the splash area has an anti-slip surface that allows children to interact easily with new friends without the fear of getting hurt. All the pool facilities throughout the resort employ a special technologically-advanced water management system that keeps water in its natural condition, making it suitable for all guests, including children.

#### SIGI'S BAR AND GRILL

After a fun-filled day at the pool or exploring, settle down at Sigi's Bar & Grill, an Italian restaurant nestled at the beach. Cosy up to a loved one with some sundowners in hand and revel in the amazing atmosphere, as the sun sets. The fare at Sigi's is as good as the view, offering authentic Italian cuisine that spans a selection of antipasti, homemade pastas, authentic Italian meats, fish dishes and delectable desserts. From the bar comes an impressive collection of premier wines andcreative cocktails while the signature out-of-thisworld Mojito makes a nice digestif. Choose the Upper Deck with an elevated view or the outdoor seating next to the beach for a wholesome experience.



Elaine Yue, General Manager of Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa and Golden Sands Resort, Penang presenting the face masks to Puan Azrina, headmistress of SMK Teluk Bahang



Seamstress Tan Geok Choo, volunteer from NGO WHY LovingCare sewing masks at JB Uniform in Penang

#### SHANGRI-LA GROUP GIVES BACK DURING COVID-19

Shangri-La Group, together with Diversey, a leading global hygiene and cleaning company along with local NGOs have teamed up to provide Malaysia's most vulnerable face masks, a necessity for all during this global pandemic.

Amassing 12,500 kg of used, clean bedsheets, duvet covers and pillowcases, to NGOs, these have been repurposed into reusable fabric for 3-ply face masks. The six of the group's hotels in Malaysia are looking to contribute up to 80,000 reusable face masks for communities in need during this period, with the support of NGOs in Penang, Kota Kinabalu and Johor Bahru.

Shangri-La's Rasa Sayang Resort & Spa, Golden Sands Resort by Shangri-La and Hotel JEN, Penang in collaboration with WHY LovingCare, will distribute reusable fabric masks to schools and orphans on the island.

#### **RETAIL** THERAPY



#### Suria KLCC

Petronas Twin Towers • 🥯 KLCC Tel: 03-2382 2828 / 2430 / 2431 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

#### Avenue K Shopping Mall

156 Jalan Ampana, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03 2168 7800 Avenue K is Kuala Lumpur's coolest urban hub where life and creativity are celebrated. The new Avenue K aims to indulae your retail desires, cater to your entertainment needs and satisfy your appetite for top-notch dining in comfort. Far from a regular mall, it offers exciting experiences and a trend setting venue where shoppers can relax and treat yourself to a good time. With over 60 exciting dining options including Fresca Mexican Kitchen, Dolly Dim Sum, Samba Brazilian Steakhouse, Sushi Zanmai, Nene Chicken, Boat Noodle, Sushi Kina and Bankara Ramen, there is no doubt that Avenue K is a foodie's heaven. • 10am to 10pm

#### IOI City Mall

Management Office, Unit T2-3A-3 & Unit TZ-3A-3A, Level 3A, IOI City Towe Two, Lebuh IRC, IOI Resort City, 62502 Putrajaya, Sepang, Selangor. Tel: 03-8328 8900 The multi award-winning IOI City Mall,

located within IOI Resort City, is the largest mall in Southern Klang Valley. It is easily accessible via major highways and public transport. Its 1.5 million sq. ft. of lettable space is occupied by trendy fashion brands, supermarket, cineplexes and F&B outlets offering exquisite local and international dining experiences. • 10am to 10pm

#### **MyTOWN Shopping Centre**

No.6, Jalan Cochrane Cheras, Seksyen 90, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2710 0057 MyTOWN is located in Kuala Lumpur, anchored by IKEA Cheras. Visit us easily by bypass or take a ride on the MRT to the Cochrane underground MRT station. The blend of fashion forward retail, amazing amenities, stylish alfresco events make MyTOWN the premier shopping destination in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. It's more than just shopping... It's an experience for everyone in the family! • 10am to 10pm

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#### Berjaya Times Square Tel: 03-2117 3111

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

#### 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.

#### Sunway Velocity Mall

Lingkaran SV, Sunway Velocity, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2786 3970 Sunway Velocity Mall is earmarked to be the leading destination in KL South with its cutting-edge architecture, neo futuristic façade and contemporary interior. Built with connectivity in mind, the mall is easily accessible through maior roads and highways and is well-serviced by public transportation including 1 LRT and 2 MRTs. 10am to 10pm

#### The LINC KL

360, Jalan Tun Razak, 50400 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-92130388 The LINC KL is an escape, a hideaway, a preferred destination for when you want to take a break from your busy life and reconnect with nature. It is a place full of such possibilities. Room for nature. Room for coming together. Room for celebration. Space to grow. Space to simply be yourself. 10am to 10pm

#### Shoppes at Four Seasons Place

145 Jalan Ampana, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. Tel: 03-2391 9655 Shoppes at Four Seasons Place is an elegant showcase spanning over six levels of retail, restaurants, a boutique grocer, and more. Immerse yourself in seamless accessibility with your every convenience within comfort's reach Take your time to explore the collection of carefully curated brands uniquely housed amidst wide spaces, marble halls, and comfortable lounge areas. Strategically located in the Golden Triangle of Kuala Lumpur, the mall welcomes you to indulge in an idyllic experience 10am to 10pm

Publika Shopping Gallery No 1, Jalan Dutamas 1, Solaris Dutamas, 50480 Kuala Lumpur Tel: 03-6211 7877 www.publika.com.mv www.facebook.com/ publikashoppinggallery

#### Bangsar Village

Jalan Ara, Bangsar • 角 Bangsar Tel: 03-2282 1808 Located in happening Banasar, this neiahbourhood 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.

#### 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 • 🕫 B 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 Malaysia. Anchor departmental stores are Parkson Pavilion and Tangs. • 10am to 10pm daily

#### **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 • 🔒

Tel: 03-2697 9312 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.

#### KLIA

KL International Airport, Sepang S. 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.

# supermarket. • 11am - 9pm daily.

#### Pertama Complex

Jalan Tuanku Abdul Rahman 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) ranaina 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 -10pm daily • E9

#### Sungei Wang Plaza

Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🖶 B Bintana Tel: 03-2142 6636 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

#### The Starling Mall

6. Jalan SS 21/37. Damansara Utama, 47400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. Tel: 03-7730 7000 Built in an organic form with a fluid facade and natural setting, The Starling is a space where nature is immersed into urban retail environment to create a unique space for togetherness in harmony with nature.

#### **Subang Parade**

Subang Jaya • GRTM Subang Tel: 03-5633 2530 This suburban mall offers an interesting mix of stores with goods ranging from apparels to antiques, and music to iewellery. Anchor 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

#### Hartamas Shopping Centre

Plaza Damas, 60 Jalan Sri Hartamas 1 Tel· 03-6201 6553

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 Sunaei Wana 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 Centre**

Seri Kembangan • Grand Serdana 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 auay alfresco dinina, IT & mobile gadgets and also leisure and entertainment facilities like a cinema, bowling alley and snooker centre. 10am - 10pm daily.

#### **Mid Valley Meaamall**

Lingkaran Syed Putra • Grow 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 • GKTM 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

#### KL's Best Bar





#### THE LOAF CONCEPT STORE Lot 3, 13.00 & E3, 13.00 Level 3, Pavilion Kuala Lumpur, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

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#### **Celestial Court**

03-2717 9988 • Jalan Sultan Ismail • Sheraton Imperial Kuala Lumpur Hotel • Oriental Cuisine • Casual Dinina

#### Chynna

03-2264 2264 € KL Sentral• Hilton KL Halal 
 Casual Dinina 
 H3

Shang Palace 03-2074 3904 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail 50250 Kuala Lumpur • Pork-free Shangri-La Hotel KL • Cantonese Cuisine

#### Yun House

03-2382 8888 • Four Seasons Place, 145 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. • Pork-free • Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur • Dim sum

#### **Opium KL**

03-2142 5670 • 50, Changkat Bukit Bintang, Kuala Lumpur. • Casual Dining Oriental

Wan Chun Ting 03 2720 6688 • No. 6 - Jalan Damanlela, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur. • Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara Hotel • Dim Sum Casual Dining

#### Din Tai Fung Pavilion 03-2148 8292 • 168, Bukit Bintang

Street, Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur. • Dim Sim • Casual Dining

#### Luk Yu Tea House

03 2782 3850 • Starhill Gallery 181, Jalan Bukit Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur • Dim Sum • Tea House Casual Dining

#### **Tao Chinese Cuisine**

03-2782 6000 • 65, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Intercontinental Hotel Kuala Lumpur • Oriental Cuisine Casual Dinina

#### Lai Po Heen

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



#### CORÉ THE KOREAN CUISINE Tropicana Avenue P-G-10, No.3, Persiaran Tropicana, Tropicana, 47410 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

#### Li Yen

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

#### **Mandarin Palace**

03-2148 8744 **B Bintana** • 2/F. Federal Hotel • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F8

#### **Ming Palace**

03-2161 8888 👮 Ampang Park • Corus Hotel, Jln Ampang • Casual Dining

#### Mina Room

03-2284 8822 🚊 Bangsar• Bangsar Shopping Centre • Non-Halal • Casual Dinina

#### **Oriental Noble House**

03-2145 8822 # Imbi• 19 Jalan Delima, Off Jalan Imbi • Non-Halal • Casual Dining • F10

#### Overseas

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

#### **Purple Cane**

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

#### **Xin Cuisine**

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

Indian

#### Passage Thru' India

03-2145 0366 • 4, Jln Delima,kl Halal • Casual Dining • E10

#### **FLOUR** Restaurant

012-960 0053 • Unit No. 69 & 71G. Jalan Medan Setia 1, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur. • Fine Dining Pork-free

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#### Mantra bar

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#### The Roof

1 First Avenue Bandar Utama, Petaling Jaya +60 3-8605 3388

#### Nadodi KL

03 2181 4334 • Lot 183, 1st Floor, Jalan Mayang, Off Jalan Yap Kwan Seng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur. • Fine Dining Pork-free

#### Qureshi Malaysia

03-2011 1007 • Ground Floor, East Wing, TPC Kuala Lumpur No 10, Jalan 1/70D, Off Jalan Bukit Kiara, 60000 Kuala Lumpur. • Casual Dining Halal

#### Fusion

#### Shook

03-2782 3875 **B Bintang** • Lower G/F, Starhill Gallery • Halal • Fine Dining • E9

#### Cé La Vi

03-2770 3360 • Ilham Tower, No 8, Jln Binjai, 50450 Kuala Lumpur • Pan-Ásian • Pork-free • Casual Dining

**Open House** 03-2162 0888 • G48 Suria KLCC, Lakeside, 50888 Kuala Lumpur Malaysian
 Pork-free Fine Dining

#### **Barat Lifestyle Vegetarian**

Restaurant 010-288 2654 • 19, Lorona Kurau, Taman Bukit Pantai, 59100 Kuala Lumpur. Fusion Vegetarian Restaurant
Casual Dinina • Halal

#### French

Chez Gaston KL by Rendez-Vous 011-3993 0036 • 12G, Jalan Bangsar Utama 9, Bangsar, 59000 Kuala Lumpur. Non-halal • Casual Dining

#### **Entier French Dining**

03-2268 3819 • Level 41 at Alila Bangsar No 58, Jalan Ang Seng, Brickfields, 50470 Kuala Lumpur. Pork-free
 Fine Dining

**Bistro à Table** 03-7931 2831 • 6, Jalan 17/54, Seksyen 17, 46400 Petaling Jaya, Selangor. • Fine Dining • Pork-free

#### International

Contango 03-2785 8000 • 5, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, Tasik Perdana, 50000 Kuala Lumpur • The Majestic Hotel KL • Pork-free • Casual Dining

#### **Babe by Jeff Ramsay**

013 209 1330 • 11th Floor, Work@ Clearwater, Changkat Semantan, Damansara Heights, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • Fine Dining Pork-free

#### Huckleberry Food and Fare 03-2098 7933 • Plaza Damansara.

Jalan Medan Setia 2, Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur • Casual Dining Pork-free

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

#### Mr Chew's Chino Latino

The Penthouse, WOLO, Bukit Bintang Street, 55100 Kuala Lumpur +60 3-4065 0168

#### Marinis on 57

Level 57, Menara 3 Petronas, Persiaran KLCC. +60 3-2386 6030

#### **HOTELS** & RESORTS

#### Italian

Cellini's 03-2715 1000 @ B Bintana • Dorsett Regency Hotel • 172 Jalan Imbi • Halal • Casual Dining • F9

#### **Tamarind Springs**

03-4256 9300 Jalan 1 Taman Tun Abdul Razak, Ampana Halal . Fine Dining

#### La Risata

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

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

#### Villa Danieli

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W Kuala Lumpur

•Woobar (Bar)

03-2717 9922 . M Tuanku • Sheraton Imperial Hotel • Halal • Italian • Fine Dining • C6

**HOTEL & RESORT** 

Four Seasons Hotel Kuala Lumpur

+603-2382 8888 . Four Seasons Place,

145, Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur

www.fourseasons.com .Yun House (Chi-

•Bar Trigona (Bar) •The Lounge At Four

Seasons(International) .Pool Bar & Grill

Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur

Grand Hyatt Kuala Lumpur

03-2182 1234 • Jalan Pinang

🕿 KLCC • JP Teres (Malaysian)

From RM550 - RM5610

THIRTY8 (International), Poolside

The Westin Kuala Lumpur

Bintang, 55100 Kuala Lumpur

www.westin.com . Prego (Italian

nese Restaurant) .Curate (All Day Dining)

# Kampachi

Ikataru

Nobu Kuala Lumpur 03-2164 5084 . Menara 3 Petronas Persiaran KLCC . Fine Dining

Japanese

#### Fukuya Restaurant 03-2144 1022 • 9, Jalan Delima, Imbi, Kuala Lumpur - Casual Dining

#### Hary Japanese Restaurant 03-2011 8783 • 124A, Jalan Kasah, Medan Damansara . Casual Dining

Nippori Cafe 03-7733 8592 . 102 (First Floor), Empire Damansara, Jalan PJU 8/8, Damansara Perdana, 47820 Petalina Java, Selangor . Casual Dining

#### Saaano 03-2264 2264 🗑 Stesen Sentral KL Hilton Kuala Lumpur, 3 Jln Stesen Sentral

03-2148 9608 
Raja Chulan • Pavilion KL Kokufu

03-4049 4412 • Sri Pan Pacific KL Halal • Fine Dining

Komura 03-2161 8888 👷 Ampang Park Corus Hotel Casual Dinina 
 C9

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

#### Yuzu

03-2284 7663 • The Gardens. Mid Valley City . Casual Dining

#### 03-2162 2233 <sup>©</sup> B Nanas • Renaissance Hotel • Halal • Casual Dinina Korean

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

#### Koong Jung 03-2166 7181 👮 Ampang Park • PNB Darby Park • Halal • D9

Koryo Won 03-2143 2189 🗑 Bukit Bintana • Starhill

Gallery • Halal • Casual Dining • E8 Thai

#### Rama V Fine Thai Cuisine 03-2143 2428 / 03-2143 2663 5. Jalan U-Thant, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • Halal • Fine Dining

National Museum

<12 yrs & students

Jamek Mosque

1:30pm & 2:30pm-6pm.

Jalan Tun Perak • Situated at the

rivers, this grand old mosque was

confluence of the Klang and Gombak

in 1909. It incorporates many features

designed by British architect AB Hubbock

of Moghul architecture a • Opens 8am-

03-2267 1111 • 29 Jalan Raia • 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



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

The Ruma Hotel and Residences

#### +60 3 2778 0888 • 7 Jalan Kia Peng, 50450 Kuala Lumpur . www.theruma. com • ATAS Modern Malaysian Eatery (Modern Malaysian) . Santai Pool and Lounae . Seven Lobby Bar and Lounge

#### Sheraton Petaling Jaya

+60 3 7622 8888 Jalan Utara C, Petalina Java, 46200 Selangor • www.mariott.com/sheraton-petalingjaya . Yue (Chinese) . Feast (International) • Miyabi (Japanese) • Sala (Bar) • Chime (cigar and whisky bar)

+603 - 2789 7777 • Equatorial Plaza Jalan Sultan Ismail 50250 Kuala Lumpur • Nipah • Kampachi www.egkualalumpur.com

#### Sunway Pyramid Hotel

+603 7492 8000 • Persiaran Lagoon, Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor . The Resort Cafe, The Lobby Lounge, Cherootz

#### InterContinental KL

03-2782 6000 • 165, Jalan Ampang • www.ihg.com Tao (chi) , Tatsu (Jap), Bentley's Pub,

#### JW Marriott Hotel KL

03-2715 9000 • 183 Jalan Bukit Bintang • # B Bintana • 3rd Floor (Int'l), Marriott

#### Le Meridien KL

03-2263 7888 • 2, Jln Stesen Sentral 5, KL Sentral • 🖬 🗢 🚛 KI 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

#### **Philea Mines Beach Resort**

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

#### Sama-Sama Hotel KLIA

International Airport • S.KLIA Degrees (Int), Traveller's Bar & Grill, www.samasamahotels.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 Jin S. Ismail/ JIn Ampana • # B Nanas • Saaano (Jap), MED@Marche(Med), Vogue (Int'l) • East Wina: Dynasty (Chi), TEMPTationS (Int'I) • From RM215-RM6.000 • D7

# EQ

•OneSixFive(Japanese)

Café, Shanghai (Chi), JW Marriott Gourmet (Int'I), Havana Club • From RM400- RM8.000 • E9 • www.marriott.com

03-8787 3333 • Kuala Lumpur Palmz Lounge (Wn) . From RM570++

• From RM330-RM820 • www.sofitelkualalumpur-damansara.com The Ritz-Carlton Residences 03-2142 9000 • 🖶 B Bintang • From RM950-RM1.330 • F9

The St. Regis Kuala Lumpur

Shangri-La Hotel KL

• D7 • www.shanari-la.com

Chilli's • From RM220-RM1685

Hilton PJ

com

Legend Hotel)

lagendhotelkl.com

The Ritz-Carlton KL

Kuala Lumpur Sentral • From RM850

03-2032 2388 • 11 Jalan Sultan Ismail • 🗑

(Jap), Lafite (Fr), Lemon Garden Café

(Int'l). The Pub • From RM364-RM12.000

House, Genji (Jap), Caffè Cino, Uncle

The Gardens Hotel & Residences

03-2268 1188 • Mid Valley City • Grm

Mid Valley • The Soread (Int'l), Sage

RM600-RM2,600 www.gardenshtlres.

Sunway Putra Hotel (Formerly The

03-4042 9888 • Putra Place, 100 Jalan

Putra • PWTC • Museum (Chi)

Coffee House, Atrium Lounge .

From RM188-RM388 . B5 . www.

03-2142 8000 • 168. Jalan Imbi • 🗑 B

Bintana • Li Yen (Chi), Rossini's (Ita) •

From RM418 • F9 • www.ritz-carlton.com

Sofitel Kuala Lumpur Damansara

03-2720 6688 • 6, Jalan Damanlela,

Bukit Damansara, 50490 Kuala Lumpur

#### The Royal Chulan

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

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#### Aloft Kuala Lumpur Sentral 03-2723 1000

KL Sentral • 🗑 🗟 🖾 KL Sentral • Menu), w xyz(SM) Bar (Cocktails & Snacks) • From RM270 - RM388 • www.starwoodhotels.com/alofthotel

#### Ancasa Hotel KL

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

#### **Boulevard Hotel**

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

#### Coronade Hotel KL

03-2148 6888 • Jalan Walter Grenier, Bkt Bintana • 🖶 B Bintana • 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. conshoteld.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

#### +603-2786 8888 .No. 121, Jalan www.mariott.com .Yen (Chinese Restaurant) - Flock (All Day Dining) KL Tower 03-2020 5499 www.kualalumpur.grand.hyatt.com +603-2731 8333 • 199, Jalan Bukit daily • E7 Restaurant) - Five Sen5es (Chinese Restaurant) . The Living Room (All Day Dining) . Splash (Pool Side Restaurant & Bar) • 443 Bar & Coffee Lounge

#### **Hilton KL**

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+603 2264 2264 • 3 Jalan Stesen Sentral, 50470 Kuala Lumpur • ww3.hilton.com • Chynna (Chinese Restaurant) . Vasco's (All Day Dining) Graze (European) . Zeta Bar (Bar) Iketeru (Japanese)

#### Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa

- +603 7492 8000 Persiaran Lagoon Bandar Sunway, 47500 Selangor • www.sunwayhotels.com
- The Resort Cafe (All Day Dining)

#### Villa Samadhi Kuala Lumpur +603 2143 2300 . No. 8, Persiaran Madge Off Jalan Madge, 55000 Kuala Lumpur • www.villasamadhi.com.mv • The Dining Room (All Day Dining)



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

Istana Negara, Jalan Duta

Located along Jalan Duta, it is the of-

ficial residence of Malaysia's king since

lamic and traditional Malay architecture,

this unique structure is the latest addition

Nov 11, 2011. Influenced by both Is-

to the country's architectural wonders.



National Monument Jalan Tugu, off Jalan Parlimen

and viailance • E3

Little India

spices. • E5

Designed by American artist,

Felix Weldon and cast in Italy, the

immense bronze structure was built to

their lives during the struggle against

commemorate the servicemen who lost

the communist insurgency in the 1950's.

leadership, sacrifice, courage, suffering

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Masjid India is a

colourful street with numerous wholesale

everything from Indian brass, jewellery,

sarees, Indian handicrafts to perfumes &

and retail Indian traders who sell

The 7 soldiers symbolise unity, strength,



#### Seri Bukit Ceylon

03-20201708 • No 8, Lorong Ceylon off Jalan Raia Chulan • From RM250-RM480 • E7

#### Federal Hotel

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

#### **Element by Westin Kuala Lumpur**

03-2771 3388 . Ilham Tower, 8, Jln Binjai, Kuala Lumpur, 50450 Kuala Lumpur , Trace Restaurant & Bar , From RM343 . www.marriott.com

#### Impiana KLCC Hotel & Spa

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

#### Novotel City Centre KL

03-2147 0888 • 2 Jln Kia Peng • • Qing Zhen (Chi Muslim), The Square (Int'I), Fun Pub, Al Fresco • From RM260-RM660 • E8 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 (Ìnt'l)<sup>''</sup>T@ste 6 Restaurant (Int'l) . From470+

#### 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'I), Mystery Pub & Café • From RM195 www.royalebintang.com.my

### The ZON All Suites Residences on the Park

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

#### **Concorde Hotel**

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

#### **Traders Hotel**

03-2332 9888 • Kuala Lumpur City

• 👷 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 lpoh, Kuala Lumpur • 🖶 Titiwangsa • Vistana (Asian) • From RM172-RM230 • A5 • www.vistanahotels.com

#### Hotel Capitol Kuala Lumpur

03-21437000 . Jalan Bulan Off Jalan Bukit Bintang www.capitol.com.mv

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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, Linakaran Sved 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 • Jln Belia/Jln Raia Laut • PWTC M Tuanku • Grand Star (Chi) , Lai Marble Coffeehouse • From RM135-RM800 • C5

www.ghihotels.com.my

#### **First World Hotel**

03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands • istorante Torcello's (Italian), Lakeview Seafood Restaurant (Seafood), The Patio (Wn) • From RM85 - RM460

#### Midah KL

03-2273 9999 • 8, Jalan Kampung Attap • 
Maharajalela • Attapia Coffee House (Int'I). Rolling Good Times Café • From RM145-RM250 • G5

#### Prescott Inn

03-2713 7887 • 23 Lra Medan Tuanku 1,off Jln Sultan Ismail • 🗑 M Tuanku • Makana Restaurant

From RM110-RM170 • C5

#### Swiss-Inn KL

03-2072 3333 • 62, Jin Sultan • 🕫 Maharajalela Café Petalina • 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 Junale, 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 Mykad Holder - RM49(Adult), RM39 (Child), General Admission - RM69 (Adult), RM59 (Child)

#### **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-6pm • F4

#### **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

03-9200 0039• Enclosed within a 2-ha around 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

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#### Istana Negara

Official residence of Malaysia's Kina. 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 03-6200 1000

#### Little India

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

#### Jamek Mosque

Masjid Jamek • Jalan Tun Perak Situated at the confluence of the Klana and Gombak rivers, this arand 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



88-storey Petronas Twin Towers stand at 451.9 metres. Seated in the heart of KL 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 Java • Located 15 minutes from the city centre, the Royal Selanaor 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 3936 • 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 • Kepona • 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

03-7957 4341• 2 Jin 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

03-2092 7070 • Jalan Lembah Perdana Opened in 1998, the museum focuses on the rich diversity of Islamic arts and culture. Miniature replicas of Tai 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

03-6187 8786° 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 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• 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 De Gentina** 03-6101 1118 • Genting Highlands Hotel

**Flight Training** 03-2141 1934 • Royal Selangor Flying Club

**Horse Racing** 

03-9058 3888 Selangor Turf Club, Jln 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

Berjaya Times Square Theme Park 1 Jalan Imbi, Level 5 & 7, Kuala Lumpur Tel: 03-2117 3118

Sunway Lagoon Theme Park 3 Jalan Pis 11/11, Bandar Sunway Petaling Jaya . Tel: 03-5639 0000

Skytropolis Indoor Theme Park First World Plaza, Resorts World Gentina, Level 1, Genting Highlands, 69000

District 21 Level 1, IOI City Mall, Putrajaya

#### Tel: 03-8328 8888 National Library

Tel: 03-2718 1118

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

#### BARATHAN AMUTHAN

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#### Telekom Museum 03-2031 9966 🗑 Raja Chulan • Jalan Raja Chulan Displays interesting exhibits of telephones and evolution of their designs over the years.

 Opens 9am-5pm. Closed on Mondays • F6 FRFF

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#### Lake Gardens

• E9 FREE

Craft Complex

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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

🖥 Raja Chulan • 63, Jalan Conlay. •

Showcases ethnic handicrafts, batik

printing and pottery from the 13 states

of Malaysia. • Opens 9am- 6pm daily.

#### **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

#### **National Science Centre**

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03-2089 3400 • Persiaran Bukit Kiara • Houses 9 galleries with different scientific themes. Offers interesting interactive displays for learning and entertainment. Opens 10am-5pm. Closed on Friday.

#### This mosque embodies contemporary

National Mosque

designs, together with traditional Islamic art, calliaraphy and ornamentation. The main dome with its 18-point star. represents the 13 states of Malaysia 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; 5:30pm to 6:30pm daily. • F4

#### 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 Roval Selanaor Club and St. Marv's Cathedral are located nearby. • E5

#### National Zoo

03-4108 3427 / 4108 3422 • Located in Hulu Kelana, 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

#### 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 Planetarium** 03-2273 4303 • Lot 54 Jalan Perdana • Located close to the National Mosaue,

**Sultan Abdul Samad Building** 

Hishamuddin • Also known as the Big

Aasjid Jamek • Jln Sultan

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 & school holidays • G4

#### **Old KL Railway Station**

Jalan Hishammudin • Built in 1910, the Moahul-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 Malavsian Railway administrative building is also a breathtaking architectural showpiece • G5

#### Petrosains, The Discovery Centre

03-2331 8181 • 🧨 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

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