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Message from
The Honourable
Dato Sri Haji Abdul
Karim Rahman Hamzah

- Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak
- Minister for Youth, Sports and Entrepreneur Development Sarawak

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to the 8th edition of WAK Festival 2026, a month-long celebration of arts, culture and lifestyle, truly by the community, for the community.

Thank you for joining us to experience the creativity, hospitality and cultural richness that make Sarawak a truly distinctive destination.

This year's festival presents an exciting programme spanning a multitude of genres, from music, visual arts, theatre to comedy, gastronomy, fashion, wellness and more. The WAK Festival truly offers something for everyone while celebrating the remarkable diversity of our creative community.

Following last year's theme of ROOTS, which celebrated the heritage and foundations of our creative identity, this year's theme, SHOOTS, represents the exciting growth that follows. It symbolises fresh ideas, emerging talents, meaningful collaborations and a rejuvenated creative community that continues to shape Sarawak's cultural landscape.

It gives me immense pride to have journeyed with the WAK Festival since its inception in 2017. Over the past eight editions, it has grown into one of Sarawak's signature festivals, creating opportunities for artists, cultural practitioners, entrepreneurs and communities, while inspiring thousands of people to participate in and appreciate the creative arts.

WAK Festival reflects our shared commitment to nurturing a vibrant and sustainable creative ecosystem, strengthening cultural tourism and positioning Sarawak as a leading destination for creativity and innovation.

I congratulate the organisers, partners, collaborators, volunteers and the entire WAK community for your passion and dedication. May WAK Festival 2026 continues to inspire new shoots of creativity and bring people together through the transformative power of arts, culture and lifestyle.

I wish everyone a memorable and inspiring WAK Festival 2026.



Message from
the WAK Festival
Founding Festival
Directors
Donald & Marina Tan

Every great tree begins with roots. From those roots come new shoots, full of promise, possibility and life.

Having celebrated our Roots last year, WAK Festival now enters its next chapter with Shoots, a theme that embodies renewal, fresh perspectives and the courage to grow beyond what we know. It reflects our belief that creativity is never static. It is constantly reaching outward, embracing new ideas, forging meaningful collaborations and inspiring the next generation of creative voices.

As WAK evolves into "We Are Kindred," we celebrate not only the enduring bonds between our festival communities in Kuching, Sibu and Miri, but also the expanding family of artists, performers, makers, storytellers, entrepreneurs and dreamers who continue to shape this movement. As an open access, multi genre platform, we are delighted to welcome many new collaborators and partners this year, venturing into exciting genres and activating fresh spaces that will further enrich our festival experience.

Shoots also symbolises our renewed commitment to nurturing creative upstarts and strengthening our grassroots mission. We are especially heartened by the growing participation of inclusive communities, including our collaboration with the Sarawak Society For The Deaf and other special needs groups. Their presence reminds us that creativity knows no boundaries and that the strongest communities are those where everyone is empowered to participate, contribute and belong.

Our deepest appreciation goes to our Patron Minister and the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak for their unwavering confidence in this shared vision. We are equally grateful to our sponsors, partners, collaborators, government agencies, WAKAs and volunteers whose belief and generosity continue to propel this movement forward.

As WAK continues to flourish, we warmly invite more organisations, businesses and individuals to become part of this remarkable journey. Together, through shared purpose and collective resolve, we can cultivate a festival that not only celebrates Sarawak's extraordinary creative spirit but also stands proudly among the world's leading community arts festivals.

The future is already taking root. Together, let us nurture the shoots that will define tomorrow.

Donald & Marina Tan
Founding Directors
WAK Festival 2026

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FOR CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make this festival truly unforgettable!

Kuching's journey is a living story we're writing together each day through our shared love for the arts, culture, and lifestyle.

You are the soul of this city, and we're excited to create even more unforgettable moments with you in 2026!



THE WAK FESTIVAL

Every October since 2017, Kuching city transforms into a vibrant hub, extending Sarawak's tourist season with a month-long celebration of arts, culture and lifestyle.

This journey began with the vision and passion of Donald and Marina, who rallied Kuching's communities to unite under one banner: What About Kuching Festival – Celebrate Arts, Culture & Lifestyle, or simply WAK.

The festival's name was born from a serendipitous mishearing that sparked the question, "What about Kuching?" Seven years on, that question has grown into a powerful, community-driven movement that invites everyone to showcase their creative spirit every October.

WAK thrives on collaboration. Its success is made possible through the unwavering support of the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak, city, municipal and district councils, related agencies, the private sector and an ever-growing community of creatives.

This partnership has ignited Kuching, and now Sibu and Miri, with an explosion of diverse events including art exhibitions, music gigs, theatre, comedy, dance, film screenings, talks, workshops, pop-ups and more.

After a two-year pandemic pause, WAK returned in 2022 to unprecedented support, and each edition since has built on that momentum.

The sixth edition in 2024 marked a milestone with the addition of satellite festivals in Miri and Sibu, strengthening connections across Sarawak and bringing more communities together under this shared creative banner.

With this growth, the WAK Festival movement has evolved to carry an even deeper meaning. Today, the acronym WAK proudly stands for 'We Are Kindred', a poignant reminder that no matter where we come from, we are bound together by creativity, community and culture. Each year, we now celebrate not just WAK Kuching, but also WAK Sibu and WAK Miri, three cities, one spirit.

The WAK Festival has become more than just a festival, it is a call to celebrate the stories, heritage and natural wonders that keep us anchored, while nurturing creativity that will inspire generations to come.

Join us as kindred spirits from all walks of life to celebrate the passion that connect us all through everything that is art, culture and lifestyle.

MISSION

To celebrate the arts, culture and lifestyle to a global audience thereby creating greater appreciation and support of these amongst the local community.

OBJECTIVES

01 Enhance greater tourism arrivals to benefit the local economy.

02 Provide platforms for personalities to showcase their different pursuits.

03 Create awareness, educate and garner appreciation of these pursuits.

04 Foster regional and international collaborations to elevate local standards.

05 To position WAK Festival as a vibrant community platform that empowers Sarawak's youth in particular, to participate, perform, and gain meaningful exposure.

WAK FEST. LOGOS

2025 marks an exciting new chapter for What About Kuching Festival as it evolves into The WAK Festival, following its expansion into Sibu and Miri. This evolution is anchored by the unveiling of a new family of logos.

At its core is a unifying WAK Festival logo, symbolising a shared vision across Sarawak. WAK has come to embody the phrase "We Are Kindred", the unifying spirit of our creative community.

Kuching, Sibu, and Miri now carries its own distinct identity under this vibrant creative banner.

Together, they form a dynamic, all-inclusive platform that spans the cultural heartbeat of southern, central, and northern Sarawak.



All hands on deck aboard the WAK Festival express

The WAK Festival Team is a dynamic collective of multi skilled creatives united by a bold vision to take the festival onto the global stage.

Bringing together talents from diverse cultural backgrounds, they combine youthful energy with valuable experience, having several successful festival editions already under their belts. This unique blend enables them to continually reimagine the festival with fresh ideas, innovative programming, and exciting new perspectives.

Their passion for arts, culture, and lifestyle lies at the heart of every decision, driving their commitment to strengthen Sarawak's creative ecosystem while sharing the spirit of WAK with ever wider audiences. Inclusivity remains a defining value, embracing new voices, emerging talents, and diverse perspectives that enrich every edition of the festival.

As proud Sarawakians, they celebrate the richness of our multicultural heritage while cultivating meaningful partnerships that inspire creativity, innovation, and growth. Always striving for greater heights, the team actively explores collaborations and creative exchanges with regional and international festival platforms, opening new opportunities for artists, collaborators, and audiences alike.

United by purpose and an unwavering belief in community, their teamwork is steadily positioning Sarawak on the global festival map, transforming Kuching and the whole of Sarawak into a leading festival destination where the world congregates to experience the warmth, creativity, diversity, and boundless energy of its people.

PLANNING YOUR SCHEDULE

While the Kuching city center may seem compact, it can get quite busy during certain times of the day. It's worth planning ahead; venues may look deceptively close to each other, but traffic and parking can get challenging. Sometimes it's faster to walk! You can't go too wrong by allowing yourself ample time to arrive. There's always some place nearby to explore or rediscover and local kopitiams/coffee shops or street food stalls to get refreshed in. The best thing about Kuching city is that small wonders are found at almost every corner.

HOW TO BUY TICKETS

If events are ticketed, please contact the event organiser directly to secure your tickets. All ticket proceeds will be channelled to the event organiser.

STAY CONNECTED

Be the first to get the latest news, updates and media by following us on Instagram, Facebook and TikTok accounts @wakfestival

Show your love by sharing your photos, videos, and experience with us and the world by tagging @wakfestival and using the hashtag #WAK2026

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WAK AMBASSADORS

Ever wondered who's behind the warm welcomes, helpful directions, smooth set-ups and all-around great vibes at the WAK Festival? Meet our WAKAs, the WAK Festival Ambassadors, a lively, passionate team from all walks of life who truly embody the spirit of the festival.

Throughout October, you'll find WAKAs across festival venues, ready to elevate your experience in every way possible:

Ticket Experts: Hunting for tickets to that must-see show? WAKAs are here to help you secure your spot.

Merch Matchmakers: Looking for that perfect festival souvenir? They'll guide you to the best merch and keepsakes.

Info Gurus: Feeling a bit lost? Whether it's schedules, maps or general info, WAKAs are your on-ground support system.

Event Navigators: From finding the right venue to ushering you to your seat, WAKAs make sure you get there smoothly.

Festival Recommenders: Not sure what to check out? Ask a WAKA, they're full of insider tips.

Feedback Collectors: They'll also help gather feedback through the online WAK Festival survey, so your thoughts help us grow.

Backstage Muscle: Behind the scenes, WAKAs also support the set-up and set-down of many events, moving, arranging and assisting quietly into the wee hours so everything is ready when the festival comes alive.

WAKAs are more than volunteers, they're the heartbeat of the festival, making sure every visitor enjoys a seamless, magical experience.

So, if you see someone in WAKA gear, smile, say hi, and let them help you unlock the full WAK Festival adventure. WAKAs; your guides, your cheerleaders, and the muscle behind all things WAK!







EAT. STAMP. REDEEM.

Recognised as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy since 2021, Kuching is a city best discovered through its food.

The WAK Food Adventure Trail 3.0 (FAT) brings together local hawkers, coffee shops, family-run eateries and restaurants, from long-loved favourites to hidden gems across the city and beyond.

Bring your FAT Passport, follow the trail and collect stamps as you discover the flavours that feed Kuching's soul.

Your FAT Passport is attached to the centre spread of this programme.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Step 1

EAT Purchase a meal from participating FAT Vendor.

Step 2

COLLECT Get your FAT Passport stamped by the FAT Vendor.

Step 3

HOW TO SHARE & REDEEM

1. **FOLLOW** @wakfestival
2. **SHARE** your favourite food moment as a public IG or FB post, carousel or Reel.
3. **TAG** @wakfestival and the featured FAT vendor, add the vendor's location and use #WAKFoodAdventureTrail2026.
4. **SUBMIT** WhatsApp your post or screenshot, together with your name, contact number and email address, to 011-1312 0898.
5. **REDEEM** your reward by presenting your stamped FAT Passport at the WAK Office: No. 98 1F, Main Bazaar, Kuching, by 31 October 2026:

   5 stamps: WAK Goodie Bag
   12 stamps: FAT T-shirt
   24 stamps: WAK T-shirt

   Limited to one redemption per FAT Passport. Rewards are available while stocks last.

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STINKY TOE FIND THEM ALL! 2.0

Discover Kuching like never before on a city-wide treasure hunt inspired by the quirky Stinky Toe pod, the woody fruit of the West Indian Locust tree (Hymenaea courbaril), named for its toe-like shape and distinctive aroma.

Inspired by the whimsical creations of a Sarawakian creative and architect based in Kuala Lumpur, naturally fallen Stinky Toe pods have been transformed into colourful miniature characters and have found their homes throughout Kuching.

Explore the city, uncover these delightful creations, snap a photo and redeem exclusive WAK Festival rewards. It's a playful celebration of art, creativity, sustainability and discovery.

CAN YOU FIND ME?

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

1. Hunt for hidden Stinky Toe Characters throughout Kuching.
2. Take a photo with each one you discover (your face must be visible in every photo).
3. Once you've found 12 or 24 different Stinky Toe Characters, upload all your photos in a single Facebook or Instagram post (carousel or collage).
4. Tag @wakfestival and include #StinkyToeTrail2026.
5. WhatsApp the link or a screenshot of your post to +6011 1312 0898 for verification and prize redemption.

PRIZES

12 PODS Find & post 12 different Stinky Toe Characters

WAK FESTIVAL GOODIE BAG

24 PODS Find & post 24 different Stinky Toe Characters

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HOW TO REDEEM

1. Only one prize redemption per category.
2. Redeem by 31 Oct 2026 at WAK office: 98, 1st Floor, Main Bazaar, Kuching.
3. WhatsApp +6011 1312 0898 before collecting.

HAPPY HUNTING! SEE YOU IN KUCHING!

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. Participation is free.
2. Open to all ages.
3. Social media account must be public during verification.
4. Only original photos taken by participants are accepted.
5. Prizes are while stocks last.
6. WAK Festival reserves the right to verify entries and amend these terms without prior notice.

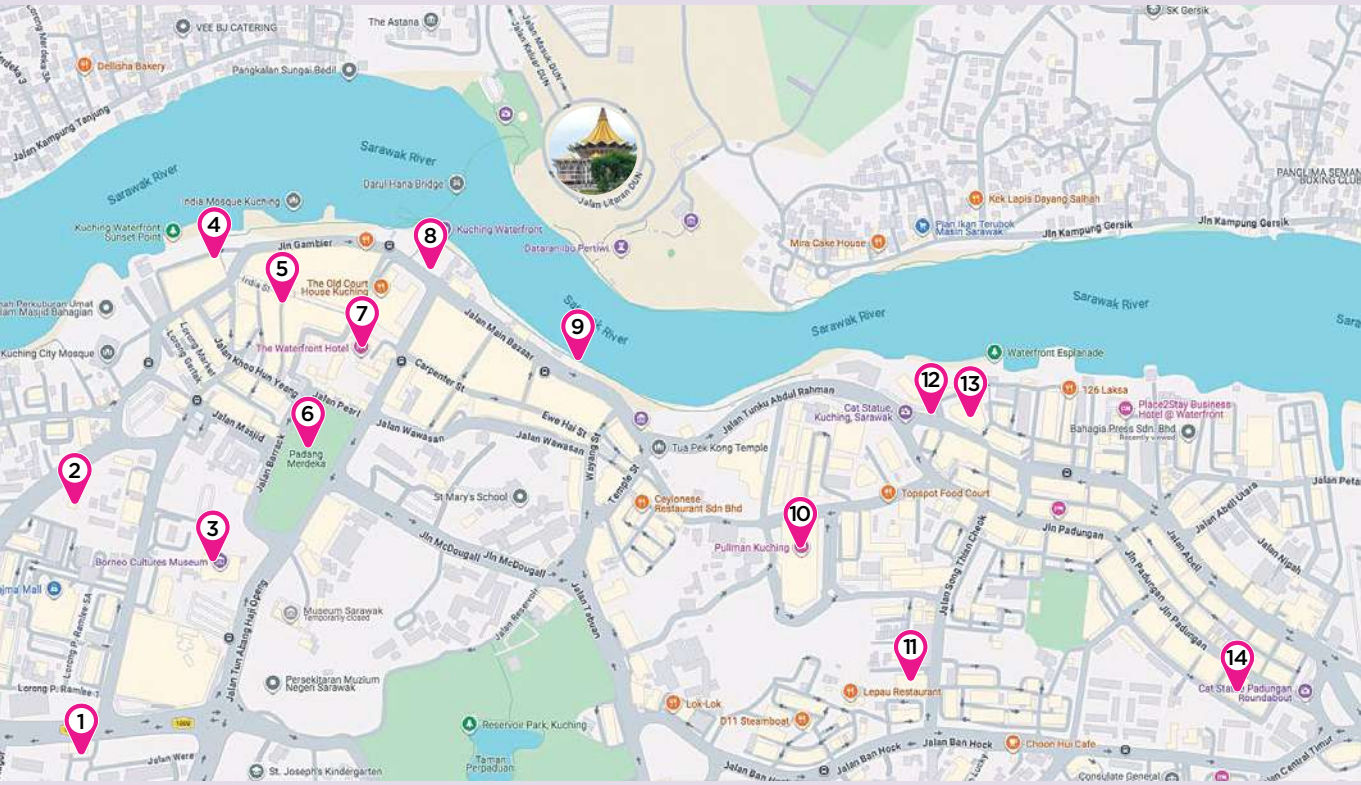
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EVENT LOCATIONS



Map pins show event venues and meeting points. For route-based or area-wide events, the map pin indicates one reference point only. See the event details for the full route or event area.

1. The Lit Club
2. Hikmah Exchange Event Centre
3. Borneo Cultures Museum
4. Lebuh Java
5. Padang Merdeka
6. The Little Flaneur, Kai Joo Lane
7. Plaza Merdeka Shopping Mall
8. Square Tower & Magenta Restaurant
9. Sarawak Traditional Boat Cruise Jetty
10. The Hills Shopping Mall
11. Theatre Hotel
12. Tribes 2.0 Jazz & Reggae Music Lounge, Grand Margherita Hotel
13. Sarawak Plaza, Level 5 Parking
14. Annie Kolo Mee

OUTSIDE OF MAP

15. AEON Mall Kuching Central
16. Ang Cheng Ho Quarry Multipurpose Hall
17. AppleSeeds Jamming Studio
18. Bangunan Bailtulmakmur
19. Black Bean Coffee @ Tabuan Desa
20. Eden Damai Wellness, Damai Lagoon
21. GSC CityONE Megamall
22. Iced Bar, La Promenade Mall
23. Kampung Annah Rais
24. Klimbzone Indoor Rock Climbing Gym
25. Kompleks Belia Dan Sukan Negeri Sarawak
26. La Promenade Mall, 3rd floor, Ground Floor
27. Lavie Pilates Plt
28. LaVie Wellness Sanctuary
29. MBKS, Area 1, Covered Carpark, Foyer, Hall
30. Medan Raya (Masja)
31. Meditel Kuching, Rooftop
32. Padawan District
33. Padungan Alleyway
34. Porkies Cocktail Bar
35. Purrfect Studio
36. Pustaka Negeri Sarawak
37. Samariang Aman 3
38. SB Sunset Pasir Pandak Kuching
39. SBG Borneo Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ) and Yoga
40. STAR Pickleball
41. Starbucks Signing Store, Vivacity Megamall
42. tHe Spring Shopping Mall
43. Tropics City
44. UNIMAS, Arena Gemilang DeTar Putra
45. voco Kuching by IHG
46. Wisma SABATI, Auditorium
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FOOD ADVENTURE TRAIL 3.0

FOOD

- Thurs 1 Oct - Sat 31 Oct
- Respective opening hours
- Citywide
- FREE
- WAK Festival
- WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

The Food Adventure Trail 3.0 (FAT) brings together local hawkers, coffee shops, family-run eateries and restaurants from long-loved favourites to hidden gems across the city and beyond. Bring your FAT Passport, follow the trail and collect stamps as you discover the flavours that feed Kuching's soul. Your FAT Passport is attached to the centre spread of this programme and check page 13 for details.



STINKY TOE 2.0 - FIND THEM ALL!

ART

- Thurs 1 Oct - Sat 31 Oct
- All Day All Night
- Hidden citywide
- FREE
- WAK Festival
- WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

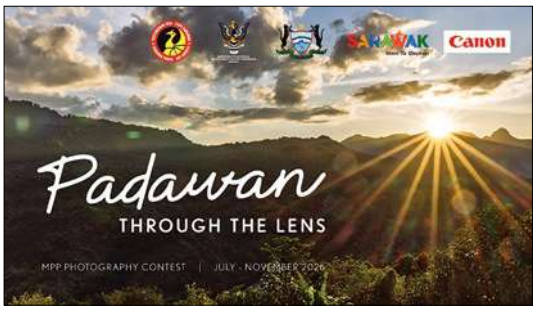
WAK's Quirkiest Treasure Hunt! Created by a Sarawakian creative and architect based in Kuala Lumpur, these whimsical Stinky Toe Characters have appeared worldwide. Back in Kuching for a second year, hunt them down, photograph them and redeem exclusive WAK Festival rewards while exploring the city. Check out page 14 for details.



UNDER SARAWAK SKIES

Thurs 1 Oct - Sat 31 Oct **EXHIBITION**
9:30 AM - 6:30 PM
3rd floor, La Promenade Mall, Kota Samarahan
FREE
Hoan Gallery
Ellyza Ezlyn Blaise +6017 8545651

Under Sarawak Skies brings together more than 20 artists from Sarawak, Peninsular Malaysia, Singapore, and Thailand, showcasing paintings produced from a 10-day artistic expedition across Sarawak in June 2026. Created on location, the artworks capture the state's landscapes, heritage, and everyday life while celebrating its rich cultural identity. Recognised by Sarawak's Deputy Minister for Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts, the initiative promotes cross-cultural artistic exchange and highlights Sarawak as a source of creative inspiration. The exhibition will be held at Hoan Gallery from September 16 to November 3, 2026, with workshops and public programmes to be announced. Entry is FREE, for more info, contact number above.



PADAWAN THROUGH THE LENS 2026

Thurs 1 Oct - Fri 30 Oct **LIFESTYLE**
All day all night
Padawan District
RM30 per submission (no limit)
Sarawak Photo-Art Society (SPAS)
Edwin Lay +6016 8895553

Capture Padawan's beauty through this photography contest! Open to all skills using any camera device, compete for RM13,000 in prizes across Open and Student categories. Featured works will be showcased publicly. Create an account and submit your photos at sipva.asia/events.



ALL ABOUT ARTS

Thurs 1 Oct - Fri 30 Oct **EXHIBITION**
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
FREE
WAK Festival
WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

SHOOTS celebrates the beauty of nature, heritage, and creativity through an immersive artistic journey. Discover exhibitions inspired by forests, rivers, roots, and cultural traditions, alongside fashion, photography, and handcrafted works. Interactive workshops invite visitors to explore sustainable practices, and the deep connections between people, culture, and the environment.



CELEBRATING MALAYSIA PHOTO GALLERY - COLOURS OF UNITY

Thurs 1 Oct - Fri 30 Oct **EXHIBITION**
10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
FREE
WAK Festival x Canon Marketing Malaysia
WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

Returning for its 3rd edition, Celebrating Malaysia Photo Gallery showcases inspiring photographs that celebrate Malaysia's diverse cultures, landscapes and people. Discover powerful visual stories captured by photographers from across the region, and experience the beauty of unity through every frame this October at tHe Spring Shopping Mall.



WILD ABOUT NATURE PHOTO EXHIBITION 2026

EXHIBITION

- Thurs 1 Oct - Fri 30 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 1st Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- FREE
- WAK Festival x Canon Marketing Malaysia
- WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

Experience the beauty of nature through stunning photographs from talented photographers across Malaysia and beyond. Returning for its 2nd edition, this month-long exhibition celebrates wildlife, landscapes, and conservation inspiring visitors to discover, appreciate, and protect the natural wonders that make our world extraordinary.

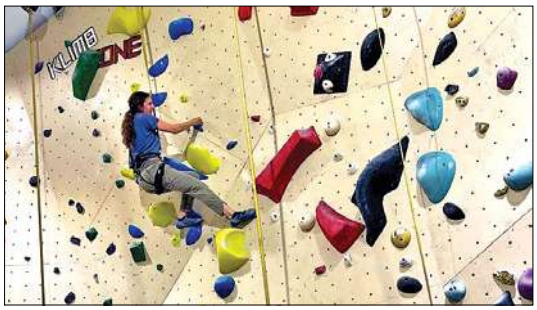


2026 SARAWAK OPEN BONSAI AND SUISEKI CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW

EXHIBITION

- Thurs 1 Oct - Sun 4 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- Ground Floor, La Promenade Mall, Kota Samarahan
- FREE
- Sarawak Bonsai Association
- Hayes Teo +6011 15533888

The Sarawak Open Bonsai and Suiseki Championship 2026 brings together participants from Indonesia, Brunei, Canada, and across Malaysia for a celebration of the art of bonsai and suiseki. Organised by the Sarawak Bonsai Association, the event begins with a five-day exhibition showcasing exquisite bonsai trees and viewing stones, culminating in a judging session by renowned Bonsai Masters from across Southeast Asia. Visitors are invited to admire the craftsmanship and dedication behind each display while experiencing one of the region's premier bonsai events. For more information, please contact the number above.



DISCOVER ROCK CLIMBING - INTRODUCTION TO INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING

SPORTS

- Every Tue, Thurs & Fri
- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM | 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
  Every Sat 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Klimbzone Indoor Rock Climbing Gym
- 9 yrs & above: RM50 (includes gear rental & instructor)
  Minors must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to sign the waiver
  Bring your own socks & wear suitable attire
- Klimbzone
- Klimbzone +6082 615615

Discover the thrill of rock climbing with a fun, beginner-friendly experience for all ages as young as 9-years old. Learn essential techniques, safety skills, and climbing basics through guided sessions led by trained instructors. Whether bouldering or rope climbing, challenge yourself, build confidence, stay active, and experience the joy of climbing in a welcoming environment.



PADAWAN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL (PDF): SARAWAK TRADE FAIR

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 2 Oct - Tue 6 Oct
- 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
- Ang Cheng Ho Quarry *(Multipurpose Hall)*
- FREE
- Padawan Municipal Council
- Fiza +6016 8639252

Explore an exciting showcase of over 100 local and international products, from delicious food and household essentials to lifestyle goods and automobiles. Sample, test, and discover new brands while enjoying exclusive promotions, interactive experiences, and something for every member of the family.



KUCHING INTERNATIONAL CAT FESTIVAL

EXHIBITION

- Fri 2 Oct - Sun 4 Oct
- 9:00 AM - 12:00 AM
- Kuching Waterfront
- FREE
- Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Noor Ikhwan Taqiyoddin Hisham +6018 4685866

Celebrate Kuching's iconic identity as the Cat City at this international festival for cat lovers of all ages. Experience exciting highlights including the WCF International Cat Show, MY Cat Expo, and the colourful Kuching Cat Parade, alongside interactive exhibitions, family-friendly activities, entertainment, and experiences celebrating responsible pet ownership and Sarawak's vibrant pet community.



3X3 BASKETBALL COMPETITION 2.0

SPORTS

- Fri 2 Oct - Sun 4 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- Centre Court, AEON Mall Kuching Central
- FREE
- Urban Moon
- Ronald Lim +6012 8338865

CANCELLED

3X3 Basketball Competition 2.0 brings the excitement of fast-paced street basketball to AEON Mall Kuching Central. Watch teams from across Malaysia battle it out in an action-packed tournament, alongside entertainment, interactive activities, and family-friendly experiences. Celebrate sportsmanship, community spirit, and the growing passion for basketball.



ROLE THE DICE - A FUSION OF TABLETOP & LIVE-ACTION ROLE PLAYING!

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 2 Oct - Sun 4 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- XiaoXiBao LARP
- FREE
- Role the Dice Boardgames & LARP
- Timothy Wong +6016 8607741

XiaoXiBao LARP & Role The Dice brings together board games and live-action role-playing in one immersive experience. Discover strategic European games, Malaysian creations, and Chinese-language favourites before stepping into engaging LARP adventures. Whether you're a seasoned gamer or first-time player, connect, imagine, and play with a welcoming community at WAK Festival 2026.



SARAWAK COCKTAIL SHOWCASE

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 2 Oct, 9 Oct, 16 Oct, 23 Oct, 30 Oct
  Sat 3 Oct, 10 Oct, 17 Oct, 24 Oct, 31 Oct
- 4:00 PM - 12:00 AM
- Iced Bar, Ground Floor, La Promenade Mall
- FREE
- Iced Bar
- Steven +6010 9730738

Experience the flavours of Sarawak in a whole new way at Iced Bar, La Promenade Mall. Every Friday and Saturday throughout October, from 4pm to 12am, enjoy a specially curated menu of Sarawak-inspired cocktails, crafted with local flavours and creative twists. Don't miss the chance to sip, savour, and celebrate the festive season with cocktails inspired by the best of Sarawak.



PADAWAN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL (PDF): PADAWAN EXPLORATION

NATURE

- Fri 2 Oct - Tue 6 Oct
- 4:00 PM - 4:00 PM (next day)
- Kampung Annah Rais, Kampung Sapit, Kampung Kiding
- RM280 - RM300 (2D1N)
  Flexible Dates: *You can choose any 2D1N slot between* ***Fri 2 Oct and Tue 6 Oct*** *that fits your schedule!*
  RM300 per pax inclusive of tour guide, transport, 1 night stay, meals, and insurance.
  [Departure Point: MPP Office Building, Kota Padawan]
- Padawan Municipal Council
- Cr. Gerald Goh +6019 8165368
  Cr. Mark Kellon Awo +6016 8922060

Witness a breathtaking sunrise above the clouds at Kampung Sapit before exploring the rich cultural heritage of Kampung Annah Rais. Complete the journey with a scenic hike to Darud Manung Summit in Kampung Kiding, where panoramic views of the Borneo Highlands await every adventurer.



SIDEWALK FEST AT LEBUH JAVA

MUSIC

- Fri 2 Oct & Sat 3 Oct
- 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- ~~Lebuh Java~~
- FREE
- WAK Festival
- WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

VENUE CHANGE
2nd Floor, tHe Spring

Lebuh Java transforms the historic street into a vibrant celebration of music, culture, and community. Experience an evening of traditional fusion performances where heritage melodies meet contemporary sounds, creating an immersive street festival that celebrates Sarawak's rich cultural identity in the heart of Kuching.



PADAWAN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL (PDF): PADAWAN RAFT SAFARI (FUN RIDE)

SPORTS

- Sat 3 Oct
- 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- Kampung Annah Rais, Kampung Temurang, Kampung Danu, Kampung Semedang, Kampung Git
- RM200/team (4-person raft)
  - Includes meals & souvenirs
  RM100/team (2-person kayak)
  - Includes meals & souvenirs
- Padawan Municipal Council
- Grit Event Management +6012 4002890

Drift through crystal-clear waters aboard a traditional bamboo raft and immerse yourself in the beauty of Padawan's natural landscape. Share the adventure with family and friends as you admire striking rock formations, embrace the tranquillity of nature, and enjoy an unforgettable river experience with exciting competition prizes to be won.



KUCHING NATURAL FARMERS' MARKET, THE FRIENDLIEST MARKET IN TOWN!

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 3 Oct & Sat 17 Oct
- 7:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- MBKS covered carpark
- FREE
- Nature Resource Solution & Kuching Urban Farming
- Mini Ng +6010 9823610

Kuching Natural Farmers' Market celebrates sustainable living by bringing together local growers, producers, and artisans offering naturally grown produce, wholesome food, and handcrafted products. Enjoy educational talks, live demonstrations, cultural performances, and a vibrant community atmosphere while supporting healthy living, local agriculture, and environmentally conscious practices.



WAK FESTIVAL PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

SPORTS

- Sat 3 Oct & Sun 4 Oct
- 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
- STAR Pickleball
- Team Event: RM500 per team (6 - 8 pax per team)
  Individual Intermediate: RM150 per pair
  Junior Categories: RM100 per pair
  * Junior Boys Doubles (U12)
  * Junior Girls Doubles (U12)
- WAK Festival x The Podium Project
- WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

The WAK Festival Pickleball Challenge (WFPC 2026) Grand Finale brings top qualifiers from Sibu and Miri to Kuching for an exciting championship showdown. Open to DUPR 3.599 and below categories, emerging and intermediate players will compete, sharpen their skills, and experience the thrill of competitive pickleball.



COUPLES MASSAGE CERTIFICATION

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 3 Oct & Sat 10 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- Eden Damai Wellness, Damai Lagoon
- RM50 per couple (Limited to 5 pairs per session)
- Hemisphere Wellness
- Jasvinder Kaur +6012 4956785

Suitable for friends, colleagues and family. This 40 minute class aims to train individuals on how to calm, relax and soothe each other in any location. Technique will be led by a professional therapist. Enjoy games after the event. A certificate of participation is presented to both parties at the end of the event.



SPEAK WITH YOUR HANDS: AN INTRODUCTION TO BASIC BIM

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 3 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Starbucks Signing Store, Vivacity Megamall
- RM15 per pax
- Sarawak Society for the Deaf
- Ernest Ting +6012 8118260 (WHATSAPP ONLY)

Discover the beauty of inclusive communication at the Malaysian Sign Language (BIM – Bahasa Isyarat Malaysia) Workshop. Designed for beginners of all ages, this interactive session introduces the fundamentals of sign language while promoting accessibility, empathy, and meaningful connections. Learn practical communication skills and help foster a more inclusive community.



PALETTE AND PULSE WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP

- Sat 3 Oct & Sun 4 Oct
  Sat 24 Oct & Sun 25 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- South Court, AEON Mall Kuching Central
- RM25 per child per workshop
  Children 4 years and above
  (Children below 6yrs must be accompanied by a parent/guardian)
- Pacha Palette Co.
- Lyndia Ling Lin +6016 9236229

Pacha Palette Co. invites children aged 4 and above to explore their creativity through fun, hands-on art workshops. Featuring painting, crafting, and creative play, each session encourages imagination, builds confidence, develops fine motor skills, and inspires self-expression in a joyful, supportive environment.

3 October – Make Your Own Musical Instrument
4 October – Monster Smash!
24 October – Make Your Own Musical Instrument
25 October – Shake & Create: DIY Keychain Workshop



GEMA RAJANG

Sat 3 Oct & Sun 4 Oct **THEATRE**
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Auditorium, Borneo Cultures Museum
General Admission - RM20
Student Concession - RM15 *[To present Student ID]*
Persatuan Seni Kreatif Sifar Sarawak 2020 (SIFAR)
Dr Safian Bujang +6012 8916756

Discover Gema Rajang, a gripping contemporary eco-tragedy play where ancient Sarawakian heritage collides with modern industrialization. Follow Jabing, a city engineer, as he confronts his mother, Indai Jabing, who physically shields their sacred forest using a hand-woven Pua Kumbu textile. When greed turns into violence with Parang Ilang, her ultimate sacrifice becomes the raw dye that binds the community. Blending ethno-fusion soundtracks, physical theatre, and intricate Gobo light projections, it is an unmissable grassroots performance.



MIXING WITH 1602: A SARAWAK TWIST

Sat 3 Oct, 10 Oct, 17 Oct, 24 Oct, 31 Oct **LIFESTYLE**
Wed 7 Oct, 14 Oct, 21 Oct, 28 Oct
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Porkies Cocktail Bar
RM50 per pax
(Inclusive 2 cocktails & light refreshments)
[Limited to 15 pax per session]
ZOZO Beans & Booze
Alex +6019 6979733

Discover the craft behind Sarawak's pioneering beer brand, 1602, in an exclusive tasting and masterclass with mixologists Alexi Julizam and Chaw Nin. Learn the art of local brewing, explore Sarawak-inspired flavours, and experience creative cocktail-making using 1602 beer in this engaging, hands-on tasting session for enthusiasts.



CELEBRATING US

Sat 3 Oct **CULTURE**
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
~~Lebuh Java~~
FREE
WAK Festival
WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

VENUE CHANGE
2nd Floor, the Spring

Celebrate the vibrant spirit of Sarawak at *Celebrating Us*, where diverse communities unite through traditional costumes, music, dance, and cultural performances. This spectacular showcase is a colourful tribute to our shared heritage, identity, and harmony, bringing together the sights, sounds, and stories that make Sarawak truly unique**.**



SAMPAN SESSIONS: A FLOATING DJ EXPERIENCE

Sat 3 Oct, 10 Oct, 17 Oct, 24 Oct & 31 Oct **MUSIC**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM *(subject to weather)*
Sarawak Traditional Boat Cruise Jetty
RM75 per pax
Includes 1-hour floating music experience | Live DJ | Welcome drink (subject to sponsor)
Max. 17 guests per session | Advance booking required
Same Faces Different Places (SFDP) Entertainment Sdn. Bhd.
Kiyoshi Aihara +6016 8776512

Sampan Sessions offers a one-of-a-kind floating music experience along Kuching's iconic Sarawak River. Step aboard a traditional sampan and enjoy curated DJ sets while taking in the city's historic waterfront. Blending music, culture, and river heritage, each intimate journey offers a fresh perspective on Kuching and an unforgettable festival experience.



FROM POP TO METAL VOL. 9 [MALAYSIA TOUR]

MUSIC

- Sat 3 Oct
- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- AppleSeeds Jamming Studio
- Pre Sale Ticket: RM 20 (Till 2 Oct)
  https://frompoptometal9.ubertickets.asia
  At-the-door Ticket: RM30
- Insider Space and Insider Satellite Ipoh
- Chinoz +6012 2803520

From Pop To Metal Vol. 9 showcases a diverse lineup spanning from pop to metal and everything in between. Experience an exciting mix of genres, fresh talent, and unforgettable live performances across Malaysia.



INDIE THEATRE PROJECT VOL.3

THEATRE

- Sat 3 Oct & Sun 4 Oct
- 8:00 PM – 11:00 PM
- The Plant House, Sarawak Museum
- RM18 per pax
- Sang Rawi Sdn. Bhd.
- Hafizy Arash +6019 8145425

The Indie Theatre Project celebrates bold storytelling and fresh perspectives by showcasing original works from Sarawak's independent theatre community. Featuring diverse performances across genres, it provides a platform for emerging talents while inviting audiences to experience thought-provoking productions that inspire creativity, conversation, and a deeper appreciation for the performing arts.



KUCHING CAR FREE MORNING 2026

LIFESTYLE

- Sun 4 Oct, 11 Oct & 18 Oct
- 6:00 AM - 10:00 AM
- Sun 4 Oct & 18 Oct at Tugu Pahlawan, Padang Merdeka, Tebingan Kuching, Pangkalan Sapi & Dataran Ibu Pertiwi
  Sun 11 Oct at Medan Raya (Masja)
- FREE
- Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Ramli Omar Baki +6019 8292848

Car Free Morning transforms the city into a vibrant playground for everyone to walk, cycle, jog, and connect. Enjoy a refreshing morning filled with recreational activities, fresh air, and community spirit in a vehicle-free environment. Celebrate active living, embrace a greener lifestyle, and rediscover Kuching from a whole new perspective.



FUN RUN: HEALTHY RUN WEALTHY MIND 2.0

SPORTS

- Sun 4 Oct
- 6:30 AM - 10:00 AM
- Kuching Waterfront
- RM50 per pax *(registration closes 31 Aug 2026)*
- Mentari Petra Jaya Hospital Umum Sarawak
- Ali Muqrin Mohamad Taha +6013 8076042

In conjunction with World Mental Health Day 2026, Run for Mental Health invites you to celebrate World Mental Health Day through fitness, connection, and community. Walk or run alongside family and friends while promoting mental well-being, healthy living, and positive conversations. Enjoy an uplifting atmosphere, exclusive event memorabilia, and a meaningful journey towards a healthier body and mind.



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Padawan Municipal Council
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RETHINKING ROOTS: MUSEUM TALKS

Sun 4 Oct **TALK**
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Function Room, Borneo Cultures Museum
FREE
Friends of Sarawak Museum (FoSM)
Malcolm Mindang +6019 6631608

Rethinking Roots: Museum Talks invites curious minds to explore Sarawak's heritage through engaging conversations with researchers, artists, architects, museum professionals, and community voices. Discover fresh perspectives on history, culture, identity, and indigenous knowledge while reflecting on how the past continues to shape our communities and inspire the future.



MEDITEL'S WELLNESS MONTH

Mon 5 Oct - Fri 23 Oct **WELLNESS**
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Meditel Kuching
FREE
Meditel Kuching
Nor Atira Saidon +6012 5919225

Move, connect, and thrive through a diverse line-up of activities celebrating active living, family togetherness, and community wellbeing. From fitness and sports to family bonding, parenting programmes, career opportunities, community initiatives, and wellbeing experiences, there's something for everyone to learn, enjoy, and grow together.



MORNING FLOW AT YOGINI STUDIO

Mon 5 Oct, 12 Oct, 19 Oct, 26 Oct **LIFESTYLE**
Wed 7 Oct, 14 Oct, 21 Oct, 28 Oct
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM
Yogini Studio
RM30 per class (12 yrs old & above)
Yogini Studio
Nadya Razi +6013 9981352

Begin the day with mindful movement, deep breathing, and positive energy. Stretch, strengthen, and restore your body while finding balance and inner calm in a welcoming indoor setting. Suitable for all experience levels, this refreshing session is the perfect way to embrace wellness and start your day.



CHINESE KUNG FU TEA BREWING FROM TEA MASTER

LIFESTYLE

- Tue 6 Oct, 13 Oct, 20 Oct, 27 Oct
- 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM & 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM
- Zozo Private Tea Room
- RM30 per pax *[Limited to 10 pax per session]*
- ZOZO Beans & Booze
- Davidson Kho +6019 8186729

Discover the timeless art of Kung Fu Tea with tea masters Davidson Kho and Chang Ning Cheng. Experience the elegance of traditional tea brewing and pouring techniques while learning the importance of water temperature, aroma, and flavour appreciation. Complete the journey with a guided tea tasting that celebrates the rich culture, craftsmanship, and ritual behind every cup.



RUNNING DRILLS

SPORTS

- Tue 6 Oct, 13 Oct, 20 Oct, 27 Oct
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Rooftop, Meditel Kuching
- RM10 per entry
- RR Running Drill Club
- Beatrice +6019 8788600

Build strength, improve endurance, and run stronger with this dynamic outdoor strength and conditioning session led by World Athletics Certified Trainer Jetson Hoo. Designed for all fitness levels, participants will enhance running mechanics, reduce injury risks, and boost overall performance while embracing healthy living through movement, fitness, and preventive wellness.



PADAWAN DISCOVERY FESTIVAL (PDF): FINALE

LIFESTYLE

- Tue 6 Oct
- 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Ang Cheng Ho Quarry *(Multipurpose Hall)*
- FREE
- Padawan Municipal Council
- Cr. Gerald Goh +6019 8165368

Celebrate the grand finale of the Padawan Discovery Festival with an evening showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Padawan through vibrant performances and community festivities. The night also features the prize presentation for the Borneo Raft Safari champions.



JAPANESE FILM FESTIVAL 2026 IN KUCHING

FILM

- Thurs 8 Oct - Sun 11 Oct
- To check official JFKL and GSC website
- GSC, CityOne Megamall
- RM10 via Golden Screen Cinemas (GSC)
- The Japan Foundation, Kuala Lumpur
- Hannah Hir +6019 3223329

Experience the magic of Japanese cinema at the Japanese Film Festival 2026. Enjoy a specially curated selection of acclaimed films spanning a variety of genres, offering a captivating glimpse into Japan's rich culture, storytelling, and creativity. Immerse yourself in unforgettable cinematic experiences on the big screen for audiences of all ages.



tHe BRIGHT SIDE PROJECT

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 9 Oct - Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- tHe Spring Shopping Mall, Kuching
- FREE
- tHe Spring Management Services Sdn Bhd
- Concierge +6082 238222

For the first time, Kuching gets its own sun-drenched lifestyle sanctuary. tHe Bright Side Project transforms tHe Spring into a one-of-a-kind, Instagram-worthy escape; curated pickleball, live acoustic sets, mindful design, five signature zones. Exclusively from 9 to 25 October only. A rare moment, crafted for the sunny side of life.



A TCM X PILATES WELLNESS EXPERIENCE

WELLNESS

- Fri 9 Oct & Sat 10 Oct
  Fri 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
  Sat 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
- Lavie Pilates Plt
- 1. Focused Treatments
  Facial Gua Sha | RM299 (Available: 9 October)
  Cupping Therapy | RM299 (Available: 10 October)
  2. Wellness Combo Package
  Standard Price: RM499
  Early Bird Promo: RM399 - *by 16 September!*
  Combo Package Includes:
  1. Facial Gua Sha (Saturday)
  2. Cupping Therapy (Friday)
  3. Pilates Wellness Session
  4. TCM Pulse Checking Consultation
- Lavie Pilates Studio
- Selena Wong +6014 6996860

Reconnect with your body through a restorative wellness experience combining Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and Pilates. Discover gentle movement, posture awareness, breathing techniques, and TCM consultations designed to ease tension, restore balance, and promote holistic wellbeing. Suitable for beginners, this nurturing session encourages women to recharge, relax, and prioritise self-care.

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ke:NYALA

CANCELLED

ART

- Fri 9 - Sun 11 Oct
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- The Square Tower, Waterfront *(Magenta Restaurant)*
- FREE
- Blend Visuals
- Azwar Ahmad +6014 9008188

ke:NYALA is a public projection mapping showcase that transforms Kuching's iconic Square Tower into a vibrant canvas of light, creativity, and storytelling. Featuring works by artists and students from across Sarawak, the experience celebrates the intersection of heritage, technology, and artistic expression through immersive visual experiences.

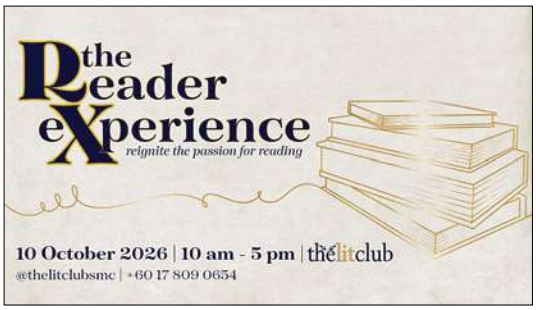


YUSUF CUP 2026

SPORTS

- Sat 10 Oct
- 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Pustaka Negeri Sarawak
- PCBK Member - RM20
  Non-PCBK Member - RM30
- Persatuan Catur Bahagian Kuching (PCBK)
- Yip Chin Chin +6012 4086026
  Adrian Chai Jin Pin +6013 6202768
  Hamdan bin Sapri +6018 9833087

Put your strategy to the test where players of all ages and skill levels come together for an exciting battle of intellect and sportsmanship. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or an aspiring player, experience the thrill of competitive chess in a welcoming community atmosphere. All participants will receive an E-Certificate, with cash prizes worth up to RM5,000 to be won.



RX: THE READER EXPERIENCE

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 10 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- The Lit Club
- FREE
- The Lit Club @ Subject Matter Company
- Victoria Joanne Lim +6017 8090654

RX: The Reader Experience brings book lovers together for a day of stories, conversations, and literary discoveries. Meet local authors, explore book clubs and second-hand treasures, and enjoy inspiring sharing sessions across diverse genres. Whether you're a lifelong reader or just beginning your journey, discover new favourites and connect with a vibrant reading community.



tHe SPRING'S LITTLE READER'S CLUB

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 10 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- 1st Floor, tHe Spring's Play Hub *(between Daiso & Padini)*
- RM25 per child *(inclusive of crafts, participation cert & Tenant goodie bags)*
  Register via The Spring's website:
  https://www.thespring.com.my/littlereaders
- tHe Spring Management Services Sdn Bhd
- Concierge +6082 238222

Spark your child's imagination through the magic of storytelling and creative play. Enjoy a family-friendly experience filled with engaging story sessions, hands-on crafts, and themed activities designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and quality family time. Each monthly session offers a fresh adventure, with delightful surprises and take-home goodies for young participants.

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TINY TALKS: SHARING ON CHILDREN MENTAL HEALTH

TALK

- Sat 10 Oct
- 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Tropics City
- FREE
- Tiny Talks
- Tiny Talks +6017 6408441

Children's mental health, talked about plainly. Join Tiny Talks and Mental Health Association Sarawak for a panel on what growing up in the modern world looks like for our kids; screens, school pressure and the small, daily things that can help. Come with your questions; the floor is yours too. Let's raise a steadier generation together!



POUROVER COFFEE BREWING & TASTING WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP

- Sat 10 Oct & 17 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- 1st Floor, Black Bean Coffee @ Tabuan Desa
- RM88 per pax *[Ages 15 and above]*
  Limited to 10 persons
  Registration closes 7 Oct & 14 Oct
- Black Bean Coffee & Tea Company
- Sandra Wong +6012 8388428

Discover the art of pour-over coffee in this hands-on brewing experience. Learn essential brewing techniques while exploring the distinctive flavours of Arabica, Robusta, and Sarawak Liberica. Taste, compare, and create your perfect cup as you uncover the journey from bean to brew and celebrate Sarawak's vibrant coffee culture.



SENAMAN CERGAS 1KENYALANG

SPORTS

- Sun 11 Oct
- 6:30 AM - 8:30 AM
- Bangunan Baitulmakmur, Petra Jaya
- Normal Rate (Till 10 Sep 2026)
  Cat. A (With Official Tee) - RM30
  Cat. B (Without Official Tee) - RM12
- Kelab Kecergasan 1Kenyalang
- Ryan Jee +6016 8917288

Get moving with an energetic morning of Zumba, Aerobics, and Aerodance at Petra Jaya's Car Free Morning. Dance, sweat, and connect with the community in this fun-filled mass workout designed for all ages and fitness levels. Celebrate active living, healthy lifestyles, and the joy of exercising together in the open air.



YOGINI STUDIO PRESENTS INNER CALM JOURNEY CACAO & SOUND HEALING

WELLNESS

- Sun 11 Oct
- 9:00 AM -11:00 AM
- Yogini Studio
- Early Bird Registration: RM130 per pax (Til 27 Sept)
  Normal Registration: RM150 per pax
  Open to participants aged 15 years and above
- Yogini Studio
- Nadya Razi +6013 9981352

Unwind and reconnect through an evening of mindful relaxation featuring guided breathwork, a heart-opening cacao ceremony, and soothing sound healing. This gentle wellness experience invites you to slow down, release tension, restore inner balance, and embrace stillness in a calming space designed to nurture both body and mind.



FOCY'S BLOOD DONATION CAMPAIGN

WELLNESS

- Sun 11 Oct & Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- The Hills Shopping Mall
- FREE
- Federation of Chinese Youth Associations (FOCY)
- Zhe Ming Kong +6010 6688233

Make a lifesaving difference by giving the gift of blood. This community blood donation campaign invites the public to support local healthcare needs while raising awareness of the importance of regular voluntary donations. Together, let's strengthen our community through compassion, generosity, and the simple act of saving lives.



PICKLED ON THE STREETS - KUCHING

SPORT

- Sun 11 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- RM250 per Team | 6–8 Players per Team
  Team Event Categories:
  * Junior Boys Doubles (U12)
  * Junior Girls Doubles (U12)
  * Women's Doubles – Tutu Challenge
  * Sabong Doubles – Any Gender
- WAK Festival x The Podium Project
- WAK Hotline +6011 13120898

Experience WAK Festival's exciting indoor pickleball celebration featuring beginner-friendly games, interactive activities, lively entertainment, and fun for the whole family. Whether you're competing on court or cheering from the sidelines, expect an energetic atmosphere filled with friendly competition, laughter, and memorable moments. Bring your family and friends, register today, and be part of Kuching's ultimate pickleball experience.



DISCOVERING BCM: GUIDED TOURS BY FRIENDS OF SARAWAK MUSEUM

LIFESTYLE

- Sun 11 Oct, 18 Oct & 25 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- Borneo Cultures Museum
- Guided tours are free but participants purchase their own BCM admission tickets
  tinyurl.com/BCMWAK26
- Friends of Sarawak Museum (FoSM)
- fosm.talks@gmail.com

Explore the Borneo Cultures Museum through a 1.5-hour guided tour led by volunteer guides of FoSM. Discover fascinating stories, cultural treasures, and selected gallery highlights in an an engaging small-group experience. Limited to 12 participants per session. Meet at BCM lobby 15 mins before the start of the tour.

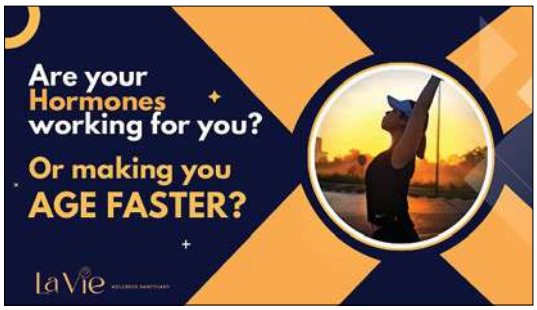


WOMEN SELF DEFENSE - FOR WOMEN, BY WOMEN

SPORTS

- Sun 11 Oct & 25 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Straight Blast Gym Borneo
- FREE
- Straight Blast Gym Borneo & Hornbill Grappling Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club
- Doreen Wong +6012 8018218

Build confidence and learn practical self-defence skills in a supportive women-led environment. Through guided standing and ground defence sessions, participants will develop situational awareness, personal safety techniques, and effective responses to everyday situations. Suitable for all experience levels, this empowering workshop promotes resilience, confidence, and wellbeing through Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu.



LONGEVITY MEDICINE & HORMONE IN HARMONY

WELLNESS

- Sun 11 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- LaVie Wellness Sanctuary
- Early Bird (Before 15 Sept): RM38
  Standard: RM58
- LaVie Wellness Sanctuary
- Michelle Lim +6016 9229582

Participate in an engaging in-house workshop exploring the vital role hormones play in healthy aging and longevity with Dr. Lowell Chai. Learn how hormonal balance influences energy, metabolism, mood, sleep, cognitive function, and overall well-being. This session will provide practical, evidence-informed insights into maintaining hormonal health through lifestyle interventions, preventive care, and appropriate medical approaches.



FINALE OF BINTANG P. RAMLEE 2026

MUSIC

- Sun 11 Oct
- 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Arena Gemilang Detar Putra, UNIMAS
- FREE
- RTM Sarawak
- Muhamad Asyraf Ishak +6082 248422 ext. 311

The Bintang P. Ramlee program serves as a platform to uncover new singing talent and celebrate the songs of the late great artist, Tan Sri P. Ramlee, ensuring his work remains relevant across generations.



SARAWAK KOLO MEE & SARAWAK LAKSA COOKING WORKSHOP

WORKSHOP

- Wed 14 Oct & 21 Oct
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Annie Kolo Mee @ 243 Jalan Padungan
- RM50 per session per dish

Children below 12 years must be accompanied by adult

- Annie Kolo Mee
- Annie +6012 8931282

Discover the flavours behind two of Sarawak's most iconic dishes in this hands-on Kolo Mee & Laksa Workshop. Learn traditional preparation techniques, uncover the stories behind these local favourites, and create your own authentic bowl under the guidance of an experienced chef. Enjoy tasting sessions and take home recipes to recreate the experience.



PAINT AND MANIFEST

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 17 Oct & Sat 24 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- Eden Damai Wellness, Damai Lagoon
- RM50 per person *(Limited to 10 pax per session)*
- Hemisphere Wellness
- Jasvinder Kaur +6012 4956785

Combining painting and manifestation is a powerful way to visualize goals. This workshop starts off with 10 minutes of yoga breathwork and visualising techniques to inspire the art. Participants can take their time to paint as they sip on tea, have snacks and enjoy views on the ocean as they paint their dreams. Take home your art and place in space you can see it everyday to make it happen.



DBKU MAYOR'S RUN 2026

SPORTS

- Sun 18 Oct
- 5:30AM - 10:00AM
- Padang Merdeka
- Check DBKU social media @Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Ramli Bin Omar Baki +6019 8292848

The event will feature three race categories, namely the 10 km, 5 km, and 3 km runs, catering to participants of various ages and fitness levels. The event is expected to attract approximately 2,000 participants, bringing together members of the community to promote healthy lifestyles, encourage active participation in recreational sports, and strengthen community engagement.



RUN TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES 2026 CHARITY RUN 4.0

SPORTS

- Sun 25 Oct
- 6:00 AM - 9:00 AM
- MBKS Foyer
- **3KM & 5KM Fun Run**
  Cat. A (Tee + Medal + Bib + Totebag) - RM55
  Cat. B (Tee + Bib + Totebag) - RM45
  Cat. C (Medal + Bib + Totebag) - RM35
  10KM Competitive Run
  Cat. A (Tee + Medal + Bib + Totebag) - RM65
  Cat. B (Tee + Bib + Totebag) - RM55
  Cat. C (Medal + Bib + Totebag) - RM45
  Normal Rate (until 15 Sept)
- Kuching Love Book Association
- May Loo +6012 8831972

Choose from 3KM, 5KM, or 10KM routes and join fellow runners in promoting awareness of endangered species. Part of the proceeds will support The Salvation Army Kuching Children's Care Centre, making every step count towards a better future.



THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN - KUCHING INTERNATIONAL COMEDY WEEK OPENING NIGHT GALA FEATURING NETFLIX STAR KAVIN JAY

- Sun 18 Oct — **COMEDY**
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- Tribes 2.0 Jazz & Reggae Music Lounge, Grand Margherita Hotel
- RM75
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 8870009

Get ready for Malaysia's grumpiest, most lovable comic! Kavin Jay turns everyday frustrations and adult anxieties into pure comedic gold. Leave your filters at the door for an unfiltered, high-octane night of sharp observational humor and masterful crowd riffing!



GATHER THE TRIBE: THE INTERNATIONAL SHOWCASE

- Mon 19 Oct — **COMEDY**
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- Tribes 2.0 Jazz & Reggae Music Lounge, Grand Margherita Hotel
- RM75
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 8870009

Brace yourself for an epic comedy double-header! Singapore's endearingly awkward deadpan star Jacky Ng teams up with Indonesia's bold, boundary-pushing Annie Yang in Kuching this October. Expect sharp observations, unfiltered energy, and non-stop laughter from two of Southeast Asia's absolute best on one stage!



TRIBAL ILLUSIONS - NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU LAUGH

- Tue 20 Oct — **COMEDY**
- 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
- Tribes 2.0 Jazz & Reggae Music Lounge, Grand Margherita Hotel
- RM75
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 8870009

Catch an extraordinary night of magic and comedy featuring two global stars! Asia's Got Talent illusionist Aman Alhamid and award-winning Australian comedy-magician Adrian Saw hit Kuching this October. Experience a mesmerizing blend of sharp stand-up, psychology, and impossible illusions in one unforgettable double-header show!



DIGITAL KOPITIAM OPEN TABLE WITH KOPISHOP CONVERSATIONS FEATURING KEREN, BRIAN AND PRAKASH!

- Wed 21 Oct — **COMEDY**
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Makeramai Makerspace @SDEC, Level 4, Plaza Merdeka
- RM100
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 8870009

"Kopishop Konversations, Malaysia's premier interactive comedy panel show, making its way to Kuching this October! Featuring the powerhouse trio of Keren Bala Devan, Prakash Daniel, and Brian Tan, this unscripted night brings the chaotic, hilarious energy of a late-night kopitiam chat straight to the stage. Driven entirely by ""Ask Me Anything"" questions submitted by you, the audience, the show relies zero on rehearsed sets and 100% on sharp, improvised banter. Watch as Prakash's high-energy crowd work, Brian's quick-witted observations, and Keren's signature cynical rants collide over your weirdest dilemmas. Expect an evening of unfiltered wit, relentless roasting, and pure comedy chaos."



MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

TALK

- Thurs 21 Oct & Fri 22 Oct
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Auditorium, Wisma SABATI
- FREE
- MENTARI Petra Jaya
- MENTARI Petra Jaya +6010 4456629

Join Mentari Petrajaya and Sarawak General Hospital's Psychiatry Department for a community-driven gathering. Open to share insights, understand mind health, and learn how to support your loved ones. Your presence matters so come let's build a kinder, healthier community together!

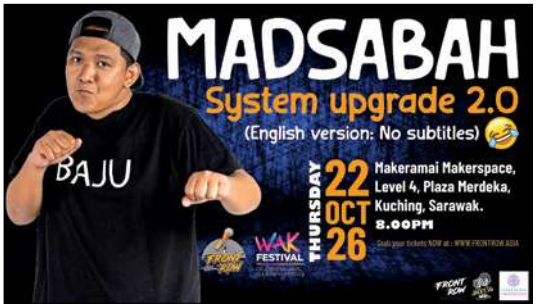


PASAR URANG KREATIF

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 23 - Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM
- The Hills, Kuching
- FREE
- Pickers Zone Company
- Mus +6012 8800081

PASAR URANG KREATIF by Pickers Zone Company is a new 3-day creative market celebrating local creators, artisans, street artists, independent brands, comic artists, animators, and makers. Discover unique creations, support local talent, and experience a vibrant community where creativity comes to life.



MAD SABAH SYSTEM UPGRADE 2.0 (ENGLISH VERSION: NO SUBTITLES)

COMEDY

- Thurs 22 Oct
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Makeramai Makerspace @SDEC, Level 4, Plaza Merdeka
- RM100
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 8870009

Borneo's very own comedy powerhouse, Mad Sabah, hits Kuching this October! Praised by Harith Iskander as one of Malaysia's most authentic voices, he turns rural kampung life and hilarious city culture shocks into side-splitting, high-energy storytelling. Don't miss this unforgettable night of raw, relatable, bilingual humor!



FUEL THE INKED FOOD BAZAAR

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 23 Oct - Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- MBKS Area 1
- FREE
- Piring 7
- Valentino Ngabong +6013 8261147

Savour a vibrant celebration of bold flavours, local favourites, and creative culinary experiences. Explore diverse street food, innovative fusion cuisine, and passionate local food entrepreneurs while soaking in an energetic atmosphere where food, creativity, culture, and community come together.

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SARAWAK INTERNATIONAL TATTOO & CULTURAL FESTIVAL 2026

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 23 Oct - Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- MBKS Hall
- 3-Day Pass
  - Early Bird: RM80 | Regular: RM120

  1-Day Pass
  - Early Bird: RM30 | Regular: RM50

  Register by: 31 Aug 2026 (Early Bird)
  Ages: Recommended 13 years and above
  Children below 12 years must be accompanied by a parent/guardian
- Persatuan Kelingai, Kreatif dan Seni Persembahan Kuching
- Miora Edora +6010 9677332

Celebrate the artistry, heritage, and stories behind indigenous tattoo traditions at this vibrant cultural festival. Experience live tattooing, cultural performances, music, craft exhibitions, interactive workshops, and engaging talks while connecting with local and international artists in a unique celebration of creativity, identity, and Sarawak's rich cultural heritage.



NOISE KRIEGE IN KCH 2026

MUSIC

- Fri 23 Oct & Sat 24 Oct
- Fri 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM
  Sat 3:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Purrfect Studio
- Pre Sale Ticket: RM 40 (Till 20 Oct)
  At-the-door Ticket: RM50
- Punkcaroba Entertainment
- Marvin Gayle +6012 8503250

Noise Kriege in KCH 2026 unleashes two days of explosive underground music, featuring the best of grindcore, metal, punk, and hardcore. Bringing together bands and fans from across Malaysia, this high-energy festival celebrates independent music, powerful live performances, and the enduring spirit of the underground community.



EXCEL WIZARDRY: DAVE THE SPREADSHEET SORCERER LIVE AT MAKERAMAI

COMEDY

- Fri 23 Oct
- 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
- Makeramai Makerspace @SDEC, Level 4, Plaza Merdeka
- RM100
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 8870009

Fresh off sold-out Adelaide and Edinburgh Fringe runs, tech YouTuber and Excel nerd David brings his hilarious workplace comedy to the stage! Packed with PowerPoint, puns, and actual spreadsheet tricks, this funny, geeky show is a must-see for casual spreadsheeters and hard-core nerds alike.



SARAWAK URBAN FORUM 2.0

TALK

- Sat 24 Oct - Tue 27 Oct
- 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Hikmah Exchange Event Centre
- Check DBKU social media @Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Ambok Abd Azhim 082-512200

Explore the future of sustainable cities through thought-provoking discussions and knowledge sharing. Bringing together policymakers, urban planners, industry experts, and community leaders, this forum explores innovative solutions for smarter, greener, and more inclusive urban development while shaping resilient communities for generations to come.



KUCHING DODGEBALL OPEN TOURNAMENT 2026

SPORTS

- Sat 24 Oct & Sun 25 Oct
- 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM
- Arena Sukan Simpang Tiga
- RM500 per team (6–10 players, min. 3 female players required)
- Kuching Dodgeball Association
- Hadif Aiman +6019 8757151
  Lee Yang +6011 12082184

Experience the fast-paced excitement of competitive dodgeball as teams battle it out in an action-packed tournament. Watch or compete in thrilling matches that showcase teamwork, agility, and sportsmanship while celebrating active living, community spirit, and the growing popularity of dodgeball in Sarawak.



HEART SPACE INITIATIVES: ECHOES OF RESILIENCE

WELLNESS

- Sat 24 Oct & Sun 25 Oct
- 9:30AM - 5:00PM
- The Little Flaneur, Kai Joo Lane
- FREE
- Teduh Jiwa Counselling and Consultancy
- Anis Wahida +6019 8393607

Celebrate National Counselling Month through a meaningful journey of healing, growth, and connection. Featuring therapeutic workshops, interactive wellbeing activities, and the inspiring WeNDI Project showcase, this month-long initiative promotes resilience, emotional wellbeing, and meaningful conversations while empowering individuals and strengthening community support.

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THE UPCYCLE COLLECTIVE: DONATE TO EARN

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 24 Oct & Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
- 2nd Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- Next Gen Pass - Student: RM15
  (Present student card/ID)
  Collective Pass - Public Full Day: RM35
  Circle Supporter Pass - Patron Tier: RM100
- Venessa Kumang Amen
- Venessa Kumang Amen +6011 26239901

Discover how creativity and sustainability come together through interactive workshops, hands-on activities, inspiring talks, and community experiences. Explore upcycling, circular economy initiatives, green innovation, and emerging digital ecosystems while connecting with like-minded creatives, students, and changemakers working towards a more sustainable future for Sarawak.



HERITAGE PLAYGROUND

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 24 Oct & Sun 25 Oct
- 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
- The Hills Shopping Mall
- Mahjong: RM10 per pax
  Congkak: RM5 per pax
  Puzzle: RM15 per pax
- JVY Event Management Company
- Ryan Jee +6016 8917288

Gather the family for a playful journey through heritage and tradition. Try a variety of classic games once enjoyed by past generations, learn their stories, and experience the laughter, teamwork, and friendly competition that continue to bring families and communities together today.



SIDEWALK RHYTHMS

MUSIC

- Sat 24 Oct & 31 Oct
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- 24 Oct - Drunk Monkey
  31 Oct - The Nobleman Bar & Dine
- FREE
- WAK Festival
- WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898

Experience an evening where Sarawak's musical heritage meets contemporary creativity. Set against the vibrant streets of Kuching, timeless traditions blend seamlessly with modern sounds, creating a captivating celebration of culture, identity, and artistic expression. Every performance tells a story that resonates across generations.



THE HUMAN SOUNDBOARD: LIVE AT THEATRE HOTEL" FEATURING YUMBO DUMP ALL THE WAY FROM THE LAND OF THE RISING SUN

COMEDY

- Sat 24 Oct
- 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- Theatre Hotel
- VIP - RM250 *(inclusive of pre-show refreshments and Meet & Greet)*
  Gold - RM125
  Silver - RM75
- Front Row Comedy Sentral
- Front Row Asia +6019 887 0009

Global viral sensations Yumbo Dump bring their legendary, absurd physical comedy to Kuching this October! Straight off America's Got Talent and Asia's Got Talent, this Japanese duo uses just their bodies to recreate ridiculously accurate sounds. Expect pure joy, crowd interaction, and non-stop "Feels so good!" belly laughs!

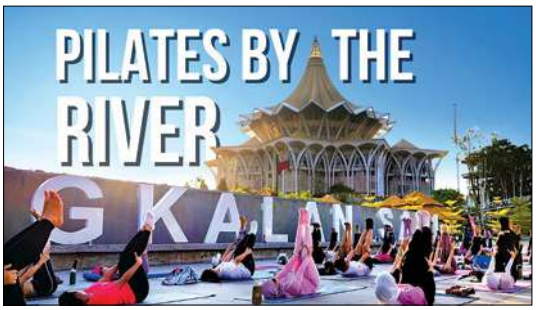


THE ORIGIN OF PULAU KERIS 2: RISE OF THE BLACK HEIR

THEATRE

- Sat 24 Oct
- 8:30 PM - 11:00 PM
- SB Sunset Pasir Pandak, Kuching
- FREE
- Kejiranan Mesra Salak (Pasir Pandak)
- Abdul Nasir Bujang Ranani +6019 6956284

The Origin of Pulau Keris 2 – Rise of the Black Heir is a captivating dance drama that brings Sarawak's legends to life through powerful storytelling, traditional dance, martial arts, music, and stunning stage visuals. Follow an epic journey of courage, sacrifice, and heritage as a new protector rises to honour the legacy of Pulau Keris.



PILATES BY THE RIVER VOL. 2

WELLNESS

- Sun 25 Oct
- 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM
  (Arrivals at 5:50 AM onwards)
- Pangkalan Sapi, Kuching Waterfront
- RM50 per pax for all ages
- Pilates Concept
- Nuraishah Ruslan +6011 56379866

Reconnect with your body at Pilates by the River: Edition II, a refreshing outdoor wellness experience set against Kuching's scenic riverside. Flow through a guided Pilates session designed for all levels, focusing on strength, balance, alignment, and mindful movement while enjoying fresh air, community connection, and a rejuvenating start to your day.



STRONGER WITHIN, CONFIDENT BEYOND

WELLNESS

- Sun 25 Oct
- 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- voco Kuching by IHG
- RM88 per pax
- LaVie Wellness Sanctuary
- Michelle Lim +6016 9229582

Discover the importance of pelvic floor health through an engaging and interactive wellness experience. Learn from experts about how pelvic wellbeing influences daily life, confidence, and overall health, while gaining practical knowledge and insights to support long-term wellness in a welcoming and educational environment.



KEJOHANAN PICKLEBALL PIALA DATUK BANDAR 2026

SPORTS

- Sat 31 Oct
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM
- Wisma SABATI, Jalan Bako, Kuching
- Check DBKU social media @ Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Dewan Bandaraya Kuching Utara (DBKU)
- Ramli Bin Omar Baki +6019 8292848

Experience the excitement of one of the fastest-growing sports at the Mayor's Pickleball Cup. Bringing together players of all ages and skill levels, this friendly competition celebrates sportsmanship, active living, and community spirit while showcasing the growing popularity of pickleball as a fun and accessible sport for everyone.



STAR KARNIVAL CUTI-CUTI MALAYSIA

EXHIBITION

- Fri 30 Oct - Sun 1 Nov
- 10:00AM - 10:00PM
- Plaza Merdeka Shopping Mall
- FREE
- Star Media Group Berhad
- Asnol Alwi +6012 2939690

Star Karnival Cuti-Cuti Malaysia (SKCCM) is The Star's flagship travel and lifestyle roadshow, organised in collaboration with Tourism Malaysia to promote domestic tourism and connect Malaysians with the country's diverse travel experiences. Held across key states nationwide, the carnival brings together travel agencies, airlines, hotels, tourism attractions, local product entrepreneurs and hospitality brands under one roof. Visitors can enjoy exclusive travel deals, discover new destinations, participate in interactive activities and stand a chance to win exciting travel-related prizes while celebrating Malaysia's rich culture, food and tourism offerings.





BORNEO HIGHLAND GLAMPING FESTIVAL

LIFESTYLE

- Fri 16 - Sun 18 Oct
- 10:00AM - 10:00PM
- Borneo Highland Glamping Resort
- 3-Day All-Access Pass: RM 50 (Adults)
  Children (Under 12): Free Admission
  Bonus: Free Camping Plot Included
- Borneo Glamping
- Shenton Tan +6012 8989963

Borneo Highland Glamping Festival (BHGF) is a three-day outdoor tourism festival that brings together glamping, nature, adventure, wellness, Sarawak culture, traditional food and community experiences at Borneo Highlands Resort. The festival aims to promote Sarawak as a premier eco-tourism destination while creating opportunities for local communities, tourism operators and businesses.



WONDERWINE: A COMEDY LAB EXPERIMENT

COMEDY

- Sun 18 Oct
- 3:00 PM
- Wonderboom Kuching
- RM150
- Front Row Comedy Se[illegible]
- Front Row Asia +60[illegible]

CANCELLED

Kuching's premium wine expert meets its destination for exceptional gastronomy. Together, Wine Lab × Wonderboom present an intimate afternoon of curated wines, gourmet bites, and world-class stand-up comedy with Kavin Jay. Expect a perfectly paired experience of exceptional wines, delicious munchies, and sharp wit in an afternoon designed to delight your palate and your funny bone.



RHYTHM WARRIORS: YOUTH DRUM CHALLENGE 2026

MUSIC

- Wed 28 Oct
- 12:00PM - 5:00PM
- The Hills Shopping Mall
- FREE
- Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara, Sarawak
- Intan Yoshida +6011 16222357

A dynamic platform where young talents explore the rich drumming traditions of Sarawak through creativity, rhythm and performance. Rooted in traditional techniques and cultural identity, participants are encouraged to bring fresh interpretations to their performances while keeping the spirit of the heritage alive. More than a competition, Rhythm Warriors is a celebration of young talent and a platform for the next generation of Sarawak's drumming tradition. Feel the beat. Create your rhythm. Carry the legacy.



PERTANDINGAN GENDANG MELAYU SARAWAK – PERINGKAT ZON KUCHING/ SAMARAHAN/SERIAN

MUSIC

- Sat 24 Oct - Sun 25 Oct
- 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- Pentas Sarawak Kitchen
- FREE
- Jabatan Kebudayaan dan Kesenian Negara, Sarawak
- Intan Yoshida +6011 16222357

A celebration of Sarawak Malay drumming heritage, bringing together traditional rhythm, creativity and cultural talent.



RHYTHM OF SARAWAK WEEKEND

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 10 Oct - Sun 11 Oct
- 10:00AM - 10:00PM
- 2nd Floor, tHe Spring Shopping Mall
- FREE
- Sarawak Research Society (SRS)
- Leo Tang +6011 31888722
  Effah Hanani +6012 8526429

Rhythm of Sarawak Weekend is a fun-filled celebration of Sarawak's vibrant culture, young talents, and unique heritage! Bringing together youth, communities, local vendors, and visitors, the event features exciting activities, cultural experiences, local food, creative workshops and meaningful conversations. One of the event highlights is the Sarawak Youth Talent (SYT) Award Giving Ceremony, celebrating and recognising the creativity and talents of Sarawak's young generation. It's a weekend to connect, explore, celebrate, and experience the true rhythm of Sarawak!



PECHAKUCHA KUCHING VOL.12 "THE POWER OF 20"

TALK

- Sat 17 Oct
- 8:00 PM
- Lane 187 @Theatre Hotel, Kuching
- **A: RM30** for Sarawak Heritage Society members *(inclusive of buffet dinner)*
  B: RM80 for new-members *(inclusive of buffet dinner & 1-year SHS membership)*
  C: RM30 for Pecha Kucha only *(no buffet dinner)*
- Sarawak Heritage Society (SHS)
- Ying Sing +60198528211

Feel the energy of PechaKucha through 20 slides, each presented for 20 seconds, as passionate speakers share stories, ideas, and perspectives that offer fresh ways of seeing Sarawak's heritage. Whether you are a heritage enthusiast, creative thinker, or simply curious to explore new perspectives, this is your chance to meet like-minded individuals, exchange ideas, and celebrate the cultural richness that makes Sarawak unique.



LIGHTS OUT: THE NIGHT SHIFT

LIFESTYLE

- Sat 31 Oct
- 6:00 PM - 12:00 AM
- KlimbZone Indoor Rock Climbing Gym
- RM50 per participant (ages 13 and above)
- KlimbZone
- KlimbZone +6082 615615

Experience a night of climbing, puzzles, and team challenges at LIGHTS OUT: THE NIGHT SHIFT, a Halloween-themed event organised by KlimbZone. Participants will take on a series of interactive games designed to test their problem-solving skills, teamwork, and creativity in a fun and engaging environment. Come dressed in your Halloween best, take on the Night Trials, and stand a chance to win special prizes. Whether you're a regular climber or new to the sport, get ready for an exciting night at KlimbZone.



OUR WAK CHAMPION

ALVIN WEE

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Alvin Wee for championing WAK's mission with such passion and purpose as our very first WAK Champion. Born and raised in Kuching and now based in Los Angeles, California, Alvin is a Grammy Award-winning music mixer, recording engineer, and music producer, celebrated for his contributions across film, TV, virtual reality, and video games.

His stellar mixing work can be heard in major productions like Walt Disney's Freakier Friday, and 20th Century Fox's Predator: Badlands, Zoe Kravitz/MGM's Blink Twice, Marvel Studios' She-Hulk: Attorney at Law (2022), Encanto (2021), Top Gun: Maverick (2022), and many more.

Among his many achievements, Alvin's work on Disney's Oscar-winning animated feature Encanto stands out. The film received over 15 award nominations, including a Golden Globe nod for Best Animated Feature and Best Original Score. Collaborating with composer Germaine Franco and the Encanto sound team, Alvin earned the prestigious Cinema Audio Society (CAS) Award for Outstanding Sound Mixing.

In 2023, Alvin was named Gamechanger of the Year at the BOH Cameronian Arts Awards, an honour that speaks volumes of his ongoing influence in the industry. Despite his international success, Alvin remains committed to local projects too, including Malaysia Prihatin (2020) for Hari Malaysia and Sarawak Gemilang (2021) for Hari Sarawak.

Check out more of Alvin's work at alvinweemusic.com and follow him on Instagram @weethewalrus.



OUR WAK CHAMPION

ESME WONG

Hailing from Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysian classical pianist Esme Wong is a highly accomplished pianist, vocal coach, and chamber musician. Recognized by The Dallas Morning News as an "adept collaborator... with vibrant urgency," she has performed on prestigious stages including Carnegie Hall's SongStudio with Renée Fleming, the Dresden Kulturpalast, and the Dallas Winspear Opera House. Upon relocating to Germany, she quickly won an audition to join the artistic team at Landesbühnen Sachsen as Korrepetitorin (Opera Coach), and she has worked with world-renowned classical icons such as Dame Sarah Connolly, Graham Johnson, and Martin Katz.

Wong's extensive leadership footprint includes serving as Music Director for Nashville Opera's Mary Ragland Emerging Artist Program and Assistant Conductor with the Red River Lyric Opera, alongside work for The Dallas Opera. Her exceptional trajectory began early: she earned her Trinity College London Licentiate Diploma at just 14, joined the Malaysian Philharmonic Youth Orchestra at 16, and was one of only five musicians worldwide awarded a full scholarship to study at the United World College of the Adriatic in Italy under the Trio di Trieste. She holds a Master of Music from the University of North Texas and continuously blends her Sarawakian roots with high-profile global performance, collaboration, and cultural advocacy.





WAK Sibu 2026: Growing Together Through Creativity

Building on the momentum of previous editions, WAK Sibu 2026 expanded its footprint with the introduction of a dedicated festival marquee at the Sibu Heritage Centre, creating an even more vibrant celebration of arts, culture and community. The Main Stage opened with Celebrating Us, a colourful cultural showcase by the Melanau community, followed by a lively dance tribute to Sarawak's iconic street food culture. The regional Sibu Malay Gendang Competition and specially curated live music performances kept audiences entertained throughout the festive weekend.









Within the Sibu Heritage Centre, visitors explored the All About Arts Exhibition and Fashion Show, Canon's Photo Exhibition, children's storytelling and book reading sessions, alongside a lively marketplace of artisanal vendors. Beyond the festival grounds, WAK Sibu extended its reach across the town through collaborator-led programmes including the Silent Run 5.0 Sibu Edition by the Sarawak Deaf Sport Association, the WAK Fest Pickleball Challenge, board games sessions, the Drip & Drop Café DJ Series, a special genre music event at Sibu Jaya, and other community-driven experiences. Together, these initiatives reinforced WAK Sibu's growing role as Central Sarawak's vibrant platform for creativity, collaboration and community celebration.











WAK Miri 2026: Growing Creative Connections

Building on the success of previous editions, WAK Miri 2026 expanded its footprint with a larger festival marquee and Main Stage, while the Miri Handicraft Centre once again served as the heart of the celebrations. The festival opened with Celebrating Us, a vibrant cultural showcase by the Lun Bawang community, witnessed by the Minister and Deputy Minister of Tourism, Creative Industry and Performing Arts Sarawak together with the Mayor of Miri. Audiences were also treated to a lively dance tribute to Sarawak's celebrated street food culture, followed by the regional Malay Gendang Competition and specially curated live music performances that energised the evenings.

Beyond the festival grounds, WAK Miri recorded a marked increase in collaborator-led programmes across the city, including the WAK All About Arts Exhibition at Miri Bintang Megamall, the WAK All About Arts Fashion Show at the Cityrise Hotel poolside, the Artisanal Market at Somerset Hotel, the Nanyang Music and Craft High Tea at Kebaya Story Restaurant, the Drip & Drop Café DJ Session at Moongrind Kingdom, alongside stand up comedy at Octo Gastrobar, the WAK Festival Pickleball Challenge at MYY Mall, and many more community experiences all around the city. Together, these initiatives strengthened WAK Miri's role as Northern Sarawak's vibrant platform for creativity, collaboration and cultural celebration

A Home for Digital Nomads in the Heart of Sarawak

The **Sarawak Digital Residency Programme (SDRP)** supports remote professionals, digital talent, and global workers seeking a more grounded and connected way to live and work.

DE Rantau Sarawak Pass

DE Rantau Sarawak Pass is a **Professional Visit Pass** that lets digital freelancers and remote workers **live and work in Sarawak and Peninsular Malaysia** for up to 12 months, with an option to renew.



I came looking for something new. What fascinated me most was how people from different cultures, races and religions come together here.

-Tobias, DE Rantau Sarawak Passholder



It feels authentic here. It's peaceful, familiar, and it feels a little like home."

-Olivia, DE Rantau Sarawak Passholder

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MY FESTIVAL NOTES



BE A PART OF WAK 2027

AS A COLLABORATOR

Keep a look out for WAK Call for Proposals in the first quarter of 2027. Follow our social media @wakfestival and website wakfestival.com for the announcement and updates.

AS A PARTNER & SPONSOR

Come and experience the WAK journey and co-host events with creative communities in June and October. For more information and to discuss opportunities, please contact us at WAK Hotline +6011 1312 0898.

AS AN AMBASSADOR (WAKA)

Everyone could use an extra hand. Affectionately called the WAKAs, these driven and friendly volunteers help WAK foster and engage the festival-goers with the creative community There are many ways you can help while you meet people and learn things, so if this sounds like you, head on over to wakfestival.com to sign up.

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WAK FESTIVAL

11-13 JUNE

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18-20 JUNE

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