



LEXIS HIBISCUS PORT DICKSON ADDS A FEATHER TO ITS CAP

Lexis Hotel Group is pleased to announce that the iconic Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson has been awarded 'Luxury Water Villa Resort 2016 (Regional Winner – Southeast Asia)' by the prestigious World Luxury Hotel Awards. This award represents the pinnacle of hospitality achievement for luxury hotels and resorts worldwide, and is the first global accreditation for Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson. We would like to thank everyone for their votes and helping us in achieving this wonderful success.



MALAYSIA TO REVISE AIRPORT TAX RATES BEGINNING NEXT YEAR



The Malaysian Aviation Commission (MAVCOM) has revised its passenger service charges, also known as the airport tax, set to come into effect from January 1, 2017. The changes will result in a 46 per cent reduction in fees to RM35 (US\$8.40) of flights out of Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) to Southeast Asian destinations while rates for flights from klia2 will increase by 9 per cent to RM35.

For domestic services the new rates are RM11, an increase from RM6 at klia2 and RM9 at KLIA. This means the tax for flights to Southeast Asia as well as domestic flights will be equal for both KLIA, klia2 and all other airports in Malaysia.



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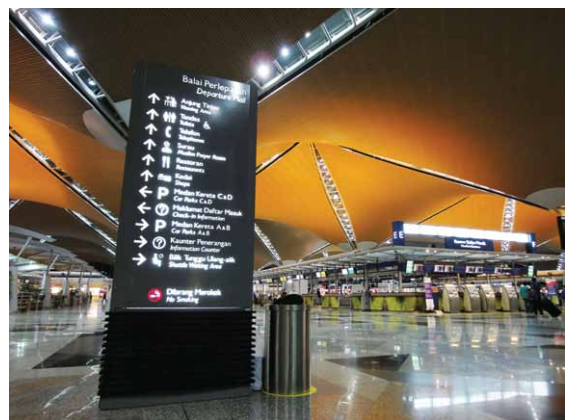
Meanwhile, for flights to international destinations outside of Southeast Asia, the new airport tax is RM50 (an increase from RM32) for departures from klia2 and RM73 (an increase from RM65) for departures from KLIA and other international airports.

Malaysian Association of Tour and Travel Agents (MATTA) president Hamzah Rahmat however expressed his dismay on the timing of implementation of the new airport tax. He said in a press statement: "Under the current business climate, a moratorium will be in order to prevent an inflationary spike, but implementing the new passenger service charges will do the exact opposite.

"The 83 per cent increase on domestic flights and 56 per cent increase for international flights at klia2 will hurt the passengers much more than the budget airlines operating from this low cost carrier terminal."

He added that the increase in tax fees at klia2 is not justified, given that many basic facilities are not up to par with other modern airports around the world, especially compared to those in the region.

"It is also well known that klia2 was built as a low cost carrier terminal catering for budget travellers and airlines. As such, passengers should be charged lower airport tax than KLIA, which has won global accolades and catering to premium airlines," he commented.





TOURISM MALAYSIA EXPECTS SINGAPORE ARRIVALS TO IMPROVE



TOURISM Malaysia is confident arrivals from Singapore will pick up this year despite the record low in 2015 which saw a seven per cent drop from 2014 to 12.4 million.

Speaking to TTG Asia e-Daily, the newly appointed director of Tourism Malaysia – Singapore office, Ishak Ismail, said the latest statistics showed an increase of 3.2 per cent in Singapore tourist arrivals into Malaysia.

Explaining this “significant increase”, Ismail said: “One of the key advantages for Singapore tourists is the better exchange rate which makes it very affordable for them to travel to Malaysia.

“There are also other factors like increased flight connectivity and more LCCs entering the competition.”

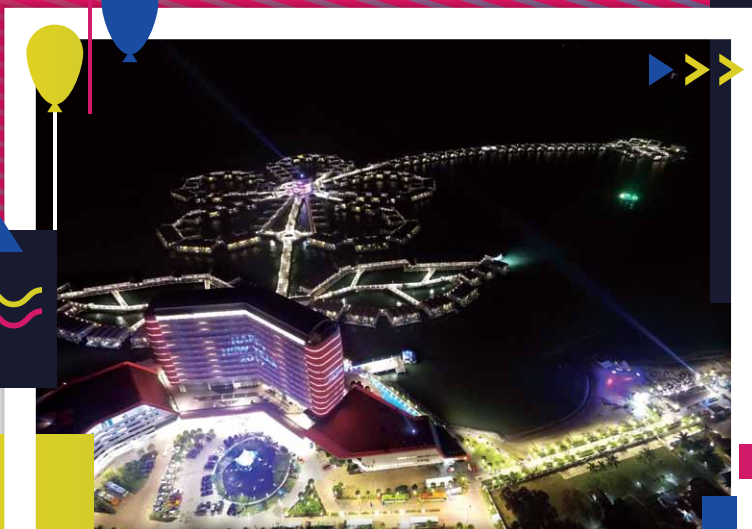
As such, he expressed optimism that visitor arrivals for 2016 will be “definitely better” than last year. He is targeting every Singaporean tourist to travel to Malaysia at least four times this year.

He added he aims to lure Singaporeans beyond cities like Kuala Lumpur, Malacca and Johor Bahru as there is “a lot of untapped potential” in other regions of Malaysia.



SPECTACULAR COUNTDOWN 2017

It was a memorable New Year's Eve countdown at the iconic Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson! Guests thronged the Hibiscus Walk as they partied to welcome 2017 amidst spectacular fireworks display. Happy New Year !



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LEXIS HOTEL GROUP BRINGS FESTIVE JOY TO PERTUBUHAN KEBAJIKAN IHSAN

As part of its annual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) efforts, in conjunction with Deepavali celebration, Lexis Hotel Group brought cheer and joy to occupants from Pertubuhan Kebajikan Ihsan Negeri Sembilan.

The event commenced with a bountiful lunch spread prepared by our chefs to commemorate the Festival of Lights, with mouth-watering dishes such as Briyani Rice, Mutton Peratal (mutton cooked in spices), Koli Methi (boneless chicken with fenugreek leaves), Sambar (vegetable dhal curry) and more. It culminated with the presentation of Deepavali 'Ang Pow' by Chan Hon Ming, area vice president, much to the delight of the occupants. Groceries such as cooking oil, condiments, curry powder,

canned foods, Milo, milk powder, assorted biscuits, toiletries and more were also presented to the founder/chairman of the home, Dr Kunalan Viswanathan.

Pertubuhan Kebajikan Ihsan Negeri Sembilan is a non-governmental and non-profit social service organization established in 2006 with the sole objective of providing care, treatment, rehabilitation and education for mentally challenged occupants, youths from broken families and orphans. Their age range from 15 to 92 years. The home is located at Lukut, Port Dickson and is registered with Jabatan Kebajikan Seremban.

DEEP SEA FISHING

You will gain a whole new appreciation for the marine life after taking part in a deep sea fishing excursion, where you cast your line into the deep waters off the coast of the Straits of Malacca. The boat captains are eager to share in your adventure on the high seas. You will be supplied with gears, baits and know-how, and all you have to bring along is the willingness to have a whole lot of fun.





BEST RESTAURANT AWARD For LEXIS SUITES PENANG



The all-day dining Roselle Coffee House at Lexis Suites Penang has won the Best Restaurant Award under Hotel Category during the Majlis Sambutan Hari Penjaja Dan Komuniti Peniaga 2016 recently.

Organized by Majlis Bandaraya Pulau Pinang, the award was presented based on selected criteria such as cleanliness, hygiene and kitchen concept. The event was officiated by The Honourable Chief Minister of Penang, YAB Tuan Lim Guan Eng, who presented the award to the General Manager of Lexis Suites Penang, Ben Ho.

WE ARE YOURS FOR THE TAKING...

Looking for a venue to host your birthday bash, a cocktail or even dinner with friends and business associates? Be spoilt for choice with our splendid selection of spaces to host such events – Hibiscus Lounge, Wave Dining, Sky Lite Bar and Lighthouse Bar. With specially curated menus to suit any occasion, just leave the hassle of organising to us as you enjoy being the perfect host.

For more information, please contact personnel from Events Department at 06 660 2626.



NEW KEY PERSONNEL



Lexis Hotel Group is pleased to welcome onboard Kelvin Lee Yip Mun, the new hotel manager for Lexis and Grand Lexis Port Dickson. A veteran in the hospitality industry, Kelvin brings with him a wealth of experience from both local and international scene, having worked in hotels and resorts such as Shangri-La Kuala Lumpur, Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, The Legend Hotel Kuala Lumpur, Traders Hotel Yangon, Crowne Plaza Kaoshiung, Taiwan, Le Meridien Shanghai and Hotel Equatorial Qingdao, China.



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