

Beach carnival to usher in new year

Live entertainment and barbecue buffet await resort guests in Port Dickson

WITH the gorgeous ocean as its backdrop, Lexis Hibiscus Port Dickson is the place to be on Dec 31 as it goes all out for its New Year's Eve countdown party.

The revelry includes a multi-sensory celebration extravaganza on the beach.

Guests can look forward to an evening of bustling energy, adrenaline-pumping music, fun games, food, lively activities and a dazzling pyrotechnic display illuminating the Port Dickson sky.

"Our resort's beach will be transformed into a beach carnival, for an unparalleled and memorable experience for our guests," said Lexis Hotel Group president Mandy Chew Siok Cheng.

"Our social life has taken a great hit due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the movement restrictions for the past few years.

"This year's celebration is our reward to our guests who want to feel the exhilarating experience of celebrating once again as we cap off a fabulous year and gear up for another round of endless possibilities," said Chew.

Beginning at 5pm, the resort will kick off a spectacular line-up of New Year's Eve festivities.

Family and young children can take part in fun carnival games and even get up close to farm animals at the petting zoo.

There will be a sumptuous barbecue buffet dinner at the



The beach carnival has fun activities lined up such as carnival games, a petting zoo, an outdoor cinema, live entertainment and fireworks.

beach including a spread of mouthwatering appetisers and desserts and well-marinated barbecued delights.

Music lovers can get their groove on with multiple live music performances and dance the night away as a DJ spins the hottest tracks.

There will be an outdoor cinema

and a fire-stunt show before the fireworks start at midnight.

Exclusive for in-house guests, the beach carnival is part of the resort's countdown package from Dec 31.

The two-day-one-night package (Dec 31-Jan 1) starts from RM1,300 while the three-day-two-night (Dec 30-Jan 1) package starts from

RM2,600. Package price varies according to selected room type.

Each package is for two persons with a choice of rooms, access to in-room private pool and steam room, daily breakfast, and the barbecue buffet dinner at the beach.

Reservations are recommended due to the limited number of rooms available.

Traditional pastry shop shares festive treats with public for ninth year

FUNG Wong Biscuits, a traditional Chinese biscuit confectioner has carried out its Winter Solstice festive tradition for the ninth year.

"Today, we have given out the traditional *tang yuen* made from glutinous rice flour served in a hot, sweet liquid, in addition to cakes, biscuits and popcorn to 500 people," said owner Melvin Chan.

The goodies were distributed in front of the confectioner's premises in Jalan Petaling, Kuala Lumpur.

Fung Wong Biscuits is a 113-year-old pastry shop that was started by Melvin's great-grandfa-

ther in 1909 in China.

Melvin's father Datuk Chan Kwok Chin, who is Wangsa Maju MCA treasurer, moved the business to Malaysia in the 1960s.

Melvin said Winter Solstice was a more prominent celebration than Chinese New Year as family reunions took place that day and it was a time of service.

"The Winter Solstice is celebrated exactly a month before Chinese New Year and is a day for embracing Chinese traditions," he added.

MCA vice-president Datuk Seri Yew Teong Look, who was also

present that day, said "it is not only a day of celebration but also for helping those in need.

"Fung Wong Biscuits has always been concerned about the livelihood of the less fortunate and looked to help them out.

"It often performs services like this twice a year on the Winter Solstice and Dumpling Festival in June," said Yew.

Fung Wong Biscuits is well known for its wedding pastries and has branches in Genting Highlands, Lot 10, KLIA 2 and in Singapore. – **By SHASMIETHA ELANGO**



(From right) Kwok Chin, Yew, Zhang Association Selangor and Kuala Lumpur president Datuk Tew Boon Chin and Melvin during the distribution of the treats.

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Apart from fireworks, a drone show also kept the crowd entertained during the TKB Winter Solstice celebration.

Fireworks display wows Ipoh folk at Winter Solstice festival

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RAIN did not deter over 100 people from attending a Winter Solstice celebration at Marbella @ Ipoh South Precinct, Perak.

At the event organised by Team Keris Bhd (TKB), guests enjoyed a fireworks display and a spread of delicious fare, including *tang yuen* (glutinous rice balls dessert).

Visitors also picked up a few tips during talks on financial investment and *feng shui* during the event.

TKB sales and marketing director Chong Sook Fun said the event was also attended by property agents who were eager to see the Ginza @ Ipoh South commercial development project, which would

be developed on a 81ha piece of land.

"The Ginza development is surrounded by matured residential areas with a population of over 300,000 people.

"With that volume, including numerous upcoming residential areas, there is great potential for retail and services outlets, which include restaurants and cafes, groceries and household goods outlets, financial services and couriers," she said.

The Ginza development is located at a strategic location with great connectivity.

"The location has a high traffic flow and is connected to Gunung Rapat, Taman Soong Choon, Pasir Puteh, Pengkalan, Botani and Simpang Pulai all within a

5km radius.

"The location is earmarked for further development of residential components comprising double-storey terrace and semi-detached homes in the near future," she said.

Chong said the convenience and connectivity offered at the location was undoubtedly the attractive factor to those who choose to reside here.

"Business owners will also benefit tremendously from the population growth, as well as the infrastructure which continues to improve as the development progresses.

"Many food and beverage outlets have taken advantage of this and expanded their operations within a short period," she added.