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PERSATUAN KARYAWAN MALAYSIA

Championing The Rights And Welfare Of Malaysia's Arts Community



Behind Malaysia's vibrant arts and entertainment industry are countless individuals whose talent shapes the nation's cultural identity. Yet, many face ongoing challenges affecting their livelihoods, financial security, and professional future. Addressing these concerns is the **Malaysian Artists' Association**, widely known as **KARYAWAN**.



Officially registered in 2000 as a non-governmental organisation (NGO), KARYAWAN was established under the initiative of its President, Dato' Freddie Fernandez, alongside colleagues who recognized the pressing issues confronting local talent—from widespread piracy to fierce foreign competition.



President, Dato' Freddie Fernandez.

A Stronger Voice for Artists

Today, KARYAWAN represents more than 6,000 members, including artists, industry workers, and creative professionals. It provides a unified platform to champion their welfare, strengthen industry solidarity, and advocate for sustainable protection, particularly for those facing financial hardship, disability, or the challenges of ageing.

Caring for Veteran Artists

A key aspect of KARYAWAN's work involves safeguarding legendary figures. Notably, the association raised funds to finance a monthly pension scheme for 26 veteran and disabled artists in need. Through initiatives like the Makan Malam Amal - LEGENDS charity dinner and concert, KARYAWAN actively celebrates veteran performers while raising funds to ensure their contributions to Malaysia's cultural heritage are never forgotten.



YB Dato Sri Karim Hamzah - Supporting the recent "Makan Malam Amal - LEGENDS" at Pullman Waterfront Miri.

Honouring Contributions, Championing Welfare

Continuing its mission through strategic partnerships, KARYAWAN recently collaborated with NexG Berhad for the NexG Berhad X KARYAWAN Donation Ceremony at Saloma, Kuala Lumpur. This corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative highlights the powerful impact of cross-sector support in uplifting local talent.

As the creative landscape evolves, KARYAWAN remains dedicated to providing artists with a strong platform, protecting their dignity, and championing the future of Malaysia's arts community.



Dato' Khatijah Ibrahim receiving the mock cheque.

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Building More Than A Structure – Building A Legacy Of Love

Love is more than a word. It is an action, a commitment and a powerful force that brings people together. It is reflected in every helping hand, every generous heart and every individual who believes that something greater can be achieved when we stand united.

Build with Love is more than the name of a charity dinner. It is a meaningful vision built on the values of love, unity, generosity and hope. It represents the belief that when people come together with one heart and one purpose, even the smallest contribution can become part of something extraordinary.

On 28 November 2026, **BCCM Bundusan Chinese**, under the leadership of **Chairperson Demson**, will bring together community members, business leaders, sponsors, partners and distinguished guests for a special evening at ITCC Grand Ballroom, Hall 1.

This occasion is an invitation to look beyond individual differences and recognise the common values that connect us as human beings. Regardless of our backgrounds or walks of life, we all understand the importance of belonging, caring for one another and creating something meaningful for future generations.

One Heart. One Vision. One Purpose.

True unity is not about everyone being the same. It is about people from different backgrounds coming together, respecting one another and working towards a shared vision.

Every contribution matters. Every act of kindness counts. Every person who chooses to participate becomes part of a greater story – a story of people who believe that love is strongest when it is shared.

A community becomes stronger not simply because of what it builds with its hands, but because of what it builds in the hearts of its people. Trust, friendship, compassion and a sense of belonging are the foundations that allow a community to grow and thrive.

Through Build with Love, we hope to inspire more people to step forward, lend their support and become part of a lasting legacy.

The impact of this initiative reaches beyond a single evening; it lies in the relationships strengthened, the generosity encouraged and the hope carried forward.

Together, We Build. Together, We Belong.

Behind every meaningful achievement is a collective effort. Behind every successful initiative are people who are willing to give their time, resources, energy and support for a cause greater than themselves.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to every sponsor, partner, supporter and guest who stands with us on this journey. Your generosity is not measured by the size of your contribution, but by the heart and sincerity behind it.

When we build with love, we build with purpose. When we stand in unity, we create strength. And when we give with open hearts, we create possibilities that reach far beyond what any one person could achieve alone.

On this special evening, let us come together not merely to attend a dinner, but to celebrate the spirit of giving, strengthen the bonds that unite us and take another meaningful step towards a brighter tomorrow. Because a building may provide shelter, but love gives it meaning, unity gives it strength, and people give it life.

The future we hope to create begins with what we choose to do today. Let our actions speak louder than words, let our unity inspire others, and let every contribution become a reminder that great things happen when people come together with love.



Demson Goh
BCCM Bundusan Chinese
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Persatuan Sokongan Penjagaan Sabah

As we turn the pages of our **September–October 2026 edition**, I can confidently say that these past two months have been among the busiest and most eventful periods in FAVSTYLE's journey.

This edition celebrates an inspiring hospitality icon, **Mr. Suresh, one of the hotel industry's first General Managers, who graces our cover with an exclusive interview reflecting on his remarkable 40-year journey in hospitality.** Beyond his professional milestones, we explore his current role with the **MAH Sabah & Labuan Chapter** and his continued contribution to the industry.

September and October have taken us on an extraordinary journey through gastronomy experiences, grand openings, exciting events and international concerts. Each invitation has opened a new door for us to discover the people, passion and stories behind the brands shaping Sabah's lifestyle scene.

October also marked a meaningful chapter for our team as we had the opportunity to be part of **Persatuan Karyawan Malaysia**, directly contributing to media marketing for Malaysia's veteran performer and legendary singer, **Dato' Khatijah Ibrahim**, and the **Makan Malam Amal – LEGENDS** initiative. It was a privilege to support a name that has contributed so much to Malaysia's entertainment heritage.

To every company, establishment, brand and event organiser who has welcomed FAVSTYLE, invited our team and trusted us to share your stories, **thank you for being part of our journey.** Your confidence inspires us to continue bringing our readers closer to the experiences, personalities and brands that deserve to be celebrated.

As we close this edition, we look forward to discovering what November and December 2026 have in store. More stories, more experiences and more memorable moments await.

Until our next edition, keep exploring, keep celebrating and keep living in style.



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All top 5 highest peaks in Malaysia are located in Sabah. The highest is Mt. Kinabalu (4,905m), followed by Mt. Trusmi (2,642m), Mt. Sinsing (2,588m), Mt. Tambuyukon (2,579m), and Mt. Kaligaran (2,468m).

2. SABAH'S COLLECTION OF THREE UNESCO CROWNS

Sabah is the third destination in the world to receive the prestigious UNESCO Triple Crown recognition, with three designations: the Kinabalu Park as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Crocker Range as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and Kinabalu as a UNESCO Global Geopark.

3. SEPILOK ORANGUTAN REHABILITATION CENTRE

Established in 1964, it is the first Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre in the World. The Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, holds the record for world's largest orangutan (*Pongo pygmaeus*) sanctuary.

4. BORNEAN SUN BEAR CONSERVATION CENTRE

Sun bear is the smallest bear species in the world, native to Southeast Asia. The Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre was established in Sabah in 2008 in an effort to protect and conserve this bear.

5. BORNEAN ELEPHANTS

The Bornean elephant is an evolutionarily significant species, morphologically and genetically distinct from mainland Asian elephants, rendering them unique to the island of Borneo and part of its natural heritage. In Sabah, it can be seen especially in the parts of the Kinabatangan river, Tabin forest reserve and Danum Valley forest reserve.

6. WORLD-CLASS DIVE SITE SIPADAN

Sipadan is located at the heart of the Indo-Pacific basin (the Coral Triangle), the centre of one of the richest marine habitats in the world. More than 400 species of fish and hundreds of coral species have been classified in this ecosystem.

7. WORLD'S HIGHEST TROPICAL TREE

Home to the world's tallest tropical tree, the Yellow Meranti (*Shorea faguetiana*), located in Danum Valley, Sabah. It stands at a record-breaking height of 100.8 meters.

8. BORNEO LOWLAND RAINFOREST

Aged about 140 million years old, shared between Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak), Brunei and Indonesia, the Borneo Lowland Rainforest is the 2nd oldest rainforest in the world.

9. BIRDING IN SABAH

Out of the 55 Important Birding Areas in Malaysia, 14 are in Sabah. To date, recorded here are 688 bird species, including 66 endemic to Borneo and 6 unique to Sabah.

10. ICONIC SUNSETS

Tanjung Aru Beach is one of Kota Kinabalu's most iconic spots to witness a spectacular sunset. Visitors from near and far travel to this scenic shoreline to experience Kota Kinabalu's legendary sunsets.



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UPPER PALACE TEOCHEW RESTAURANT

A Regal Expression Of Teochew Heritage At The Exchange TRX

In the heart of Kuala Lumpur's newest luxury destination, **Upper Palace Teochew Restaurant** presents Teochew dining through a lens of refined elegance, exceptional ingredients and uncompromising culinary craftsmanship.

Positioned as one of Kuala Lumpur's most distinguished destinations for Teochew cuisine, Upper Palace is guided by an exquisite philosophy: **"using collectible-level delicacies to treat important guests."** It is a philosophy that immediately sets the tone. Here, dining is not simply about a meal, but about creating an experience worthy of the occasion.

The restaurant brings together **Teochew and Cantonese gourmet traditions**, with an emphasis on meticulously selected precious and seasonal ingredients. Every dish is conceived around the natural quality of its produce, allowing the ingredients themselves to command attention.

The Art Of Teochew Marination

One of Upper Palace's most compelling distinctions is its collaboration with **Hung Delicacies**, the acclaimed Hong Kong restaurant that has retained a Michelin star for five consecutive years. For Teochew connoisseurs, the significance is considerable.

Marinated dishes occupy a revered place within Teochew cuisine, demanding precision, patience and a deep understanding of seasoning.

Through its partnership with Hung Delicacies, Upper Palace brings this celebrated Hong Kong culinary heritage to Kuala Lumpur, allowing diners to experience sophisticated Teochew marinated specialities without travelling beyond the city. It is tradition, elevated through expertise.

Collectible-level Delicacies

Among the restaurant's prized ingredients is **fish maw**, featuring one of the five renowned top-grade varieties. Under the direction of an experienced Hong Kong executive chef, this exceptional ingredient is transformed into signature creations including **braised fish maw in abalone sauce**, where luxurious texture meets an intensely refined depth of flavour.

Other highlights include the restaurant's celebrated **Teochew marinated specialities** and **Teochew-style fried taro dumplings**, bringing together crisp textures, delicate richness and the unmistakable character of Chaoshan cuisine. The experience continues through the lunch repertoire, where dim sum offers another elegant entry point into the kitchen's culinary philosophy. Steamed Teochew dumplings reveal delicate textures with a satisfying bite, while the fried taro dumplings combine a beautifully crisp exterior with a creamy, indulgent centre.

The à la carte selection ventures further into traditional territory, with marinated meats and seafood, wok-fried pork intestines accompanied by bean sprouts and preserved vegetables, and a particularly satisfying **baby oyster omelette enriched with salted duck egg yolk**.

For dessert, **mashed taro with ginkgo and pumpkin** provides a softer, more nostalgic conclusion, allowing the meal to end with the comforting sweetness associated with classic Teochew dining.





Where Chaoshan Heritage Lives

Upper Palace's cultural identity extends beyond the menu. Every private dining room carries the character “潮” (Chao), a subtle yet meaningful reference to the restaurant's Chaoshan heritage.

From the private rooms to the tea, wine, cuisine and surrounding ambience, every element has been thoughtfully curated to evoke the spirit and traditions of the Chaoshan region.

The result is an environment where luxury does not feel detached from heritage. Instead, contemporary sophistication becomes the frame through which an ancient culinary culture is experienced.



A Destination For Important Occasions

There is a certain ceremony to dining at Upper Palace Teochew Restaurant. The cuisine is rooted in tradition, yet the presentation and setting belong unmistakably to the modern luxury landscape of **The Exchange TRX**. Service carries the same polished character, composed and professional without becoming intrusive, allowing the cuisine and the occasion to remain at the centre of the experience.

For those who appreciate the finer side of Chinese gastronomy, Upper Palace offers more than Teochew cuisine. It offers a carefully orchestrated encounter with **Chaoshan culture, Hong Kong culinary expertise and rare seasonal delicacies**, presented with a distinctly contemporary sense of grandeur.



Upper Palace Teochew Restaurant is where Teochew heritage takes its place at Kuala Lumpur's modern luxury table.

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For Good Food, Familiar Faces And Time Well Spent

Sometimes, the best moments begin with a simple invitation—to share a meal, catch up over coffee or take a well-deserved break. At London Club, these everyday pleasures come together in a setting that encourages guests to settle in and enjoy the company around them.

Located at Plaza Kolombong, Kota Kinabalu, London Club soft-launched on 1 October 2025, bringing dining and recreation together under one roof. Its two-storey space features warm lighting, elegant minimalist décor and subtle London-inspired touches, creating an atmosphere that feels stylish yet comfortable. The appeal lies in its relaxed character: a place where a quick visit can turn into an unhurried afternoon.



A Space To Unwind

On the ground floor, the Recreation Centre offers members a casual setting to step away from their daily routines. Whether meeting friends, enjoying light snacks or spending time in one of the private rooms for entertainment and casual gaming, members can enjoy a leisurely break at their own pace.

The space adds a social dimension to the club, giving members somewhere to reconnect beyond the dining table. A little friendly recreation, an easy conversation and familiar company are all part of the experience.



Asian Flavours Meet Western Comfort

Upstairs, London Club Café • Bistro continues that welcoming atmosphere with a dining experience suited to both everyday visits and special get-togethers. Cosy and inviting, it offers a comfortable backdrop for a family lunch, an afternoon catch-up or a relaxed evening meal.

The menu brings together Asian and Western flavours, offering variety for guests with different tastes. Fresh pastas and hearty mains sit alongside signature local favourites, while light bites provide something to share over conversation. Desserts offer a sweet finish—or a reason to linger a little longer. This mix makes the bistro an appealing choice for groups. Some may arrive craving a familiar local dish, while others prefer the comfort of a Western meal. Around the same table, everyone can find something to enjoy.

Coffee is also part of the occasion. Rich, aromatic brews, specialty teas and refreshing beverages complement the food and make the bistro just as suitable for a casual drink as a full meal. For those taking a pause between commitments, it is an inviting spot to slow down and recharge.



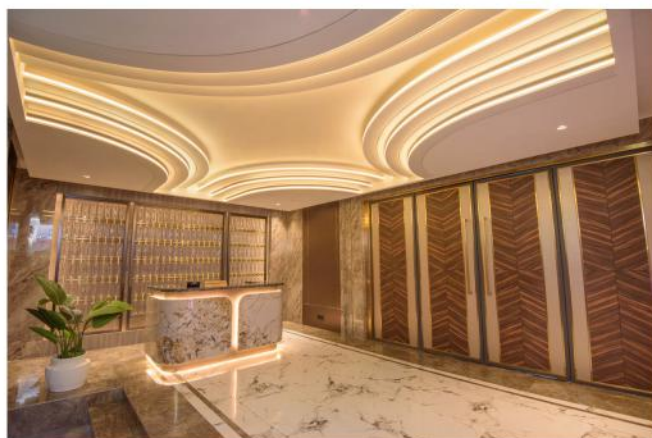
Room For Meaningful Gatherings

With **capacity for up to 100 guests**, London Club Café • Bistro offers space for occasions that bring people together. Family meals, company events and small celebrations can take place in surroundings that balance a sense of occasion with an easy, informal atmosphere.

It is a setting for birthday wishes exchanged across the table, colleagues connecting beyond the workplace and families finding time to sit down together. The food provides the centrepiece, while conversation and shared experiences give each gathering its own character.

Open daily from 12.00 noon to 10.00 pm, the bistro welcomes guests from lunchtime through to dinner. Whether visiting for a favourite meal, a coffee break or a celebration, guests can make the occasion their own.

With its blend of recreation, dining and understated London-inspired charm, London Club offers a welcoming place in Kota Kinabalu to return to—for good food, familiar faces and time well spent.



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SHOPPES AT THE V

A NEW WATERFRONT DESTINATION FOR KOTA KINABALU

**Where Retail, Dining And Everyday Experiences
Come Together By The Bay.**

Likas Bay is becoming an increasingly vibrant part of Kota Kinabalu's waterfront landscape. Along this evolving coastal setting, Shoppes at The V introduces a new open-concept retail park designed around the way people live, work, shop and dine today.

Set within The V by Jesselton, the commercial destination brings together retail, dining, leisure and community spaces, creating a place where businesses can connect with a growing neighbourhood while visitors discover a new side of Kota Kinabalu's waterfront lifestyle.

01 | A STRONG LOCAL CATCHMENT

A successful commercial destination begins with the people around it.

Shoppes at The V is integrated into an **RM1.5 billion masterplan development**, targeted for completion by **2030**, with more than **1,700 commercial suites and corporate office units** forming part of the wider development.

Beyond the development itself, the project is surrounded by an established residential catchment of more than **8,000 households**, including neighbourhoods around **Signal Hill, The Peak and Likas**.

This combination of surrounding residences, businesses, visitors and Kota Kinabalu's tourism activity creates a diverse potential customer base throughout the day, supporting a lively commercial environment from morning coffee and lunch breaks to evening dining and weekend leisure.



02 | LIVE, WORK, SHOP & DINE

The way we experience the city is changing.

Today, people increasingly look for places where everyday needs, work and leisure can exist within the same destination. Shoppes at The V brings these experiences together as part of a connected mixed-development environment.

Short-stay guests, office workers, business owners and visitors can enjoy convenient access to retail and dining within the same destination, creating opportunities for different businesses to complement one another.

From a morning coffee before work to an afternoon meet-up, family dinner or evening gathering, the commercial boulevard is designed to support different rhythms of daily life.

04 | THE COURTYARD: WHERE PEOPLE COME TOGETHER

At the heart of Shoppes at The V is **The Courtyard**, a landscaped central gathering space designed to bring people together.

More than an open plaza, The Courtyard creates a flexible setting for **alfresco dining, weekend bazaars, festive celebrations, cultural events and community activities**.

Green walkways and open spaces encourage visitors to slow down and stay a little longer, while the surrounding retail frontage creates an active environment throughout the day.

Whether it is a casual coffee, a weekend market or an evening gathering with friends and family, The Courtyard is designed to become part of the everyday experience at Shoppes at The V.

03 | CONNECTED TO THE CITY & COAST

Strategic connectivity gives a commercial destination its visibility and accessibility.

Located along **Jalan Tun Fuad Stephens**, Shoppes at The V benefits from direct access to one of Kota Kinabalu's key coastal roads, providing convenient vehicular access and prominent roadside visibility.

But its connection extends beyond the road.

Fronting **Likas Bay**, the development is directly connected to the existing **Likas Bay 7km Coastal Promenade**, a popular route for jogging, cycling and leisurely walks.

A planned pedestrian bridge will further connect the retail park with the coastal promenade, creating a more seamless relationship between the commercial spaces and the waterfront.

For visitors enjoying the coastline, Shoppes at The V becomes a natural place to pause, dine, meet and unwind.

05 | RETAIL FRAMED BY THE WATERFRONT

At Shoppes at The V, the waterfront is more than a backdrop. It is part of the experience.

The development offers **permanent, unobstructed views across Likas Bay**, allowing visitors and businesses to enjoy an open waterfront setting throughout the day, complemented by Kota Kinabalu's coastal sunsets.

The architectural layout also considers visibility within the development. Upper-floor retail spaces are positioned to remain visually connected to **The Courtyard and key pedestrian areas**, helping create a stronger relationship between different levels of the commercial destination.

Together, the open waterfront views, landscaped spaces and retail frontage create a commercial environment that feels distinctly connected to its coastal setting.

A COMMERCIAL ADDRESS DESIGNED FOR WHAT COMES NEXT

Shoppes at The V is envisioned as more than a collection of commercial units.

It is a place where businesses can become part of a growing waterfront community, where people can meet and spend time together, and where everyday retail and dining experiences are shaped by the character of Likas Bay.

With its established surroundings, integrated development environment, coastal connectivity and open waterfront setting, **Shoppes at The V brings a new dimension to commercial life in Kota Kinabalu.**

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FRESH LINES

Sabah Through Five Artistic Voices

In this issue, we conclude our feature on **Fresh Lines**, a collective exhibition supported by the Institute for Development Studies (IDS Sabah) and hosted at Galeri Azman Hashim, Universiti Malaysia Sabah. Highlighting a new generation of creative voices, the exhibition showcases 20 artworks by five emerging Sabahan artists—Asru Wali, Jasper Junior, Rizalman, Sylvernie, and Eve Eftasonia Simon. Centred on the fundamental concept of a line as a beginning, *Fresh Lines* explores how personal identity, memory, and Sabah's rich cultural landscape can be reinterpreted through a contemporary lens. Each mark on the canvas symbolises a connection between tradition and experimentation, offering fresh insights into what it means to create from Sabah today. Closing the series is Kota Kinabalu-born artist Eve Eftasonia Simon, a Visual Arts Technology graduate from Universiti Malaysia Sabah whose work celebrates community, heritage, and the warmth of home.

FIFTH FEATURED ARTIST: EVE EFTASONIA SIMON



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Our Culture

This artwork portrays an elderly woman adorned in the traditional attire of Kota Belud, Sabah, distinguished by its intricate beadwork and meaningful motifs. Through this painting, the artist celebrates the elegance, strength, and dignity of the woman while honouring the cultural heritage of the Borneo community. The work emphasises meticulous attention to detail and the use of vivid colours to capture the beauty and craftsmanship of traditional Kota Belud garments. It serves as a tribute to the enduring identity and pride of the community, reflecting the harmony between cultural preservation and artistic expression.

Our Culture,
Acrylic on Canvas (2023).



Santapan Keluarga I

Santapan Keluarga I depicts a traditional Bornean meal shared among family members, capturing the essence of togetherness and the warmth of home. Each carefully rendered dish represents the richness of local flavours and the deep cultural heritage of the region. Through this work, the artist celebrates the spirit of unity and gratitude that accompanies shared meals, emphasising the importance of food as a vessel for tradition and familial connection. The painting serves as a reminder of how everyday moments can preserve cultural identity and strengthen the bonds between generations.



Santapan Keluarga I,
Acrylic on Canvas (2025).



Santapan Keluarga II

Santapan Keluarga II,
Acrylic on Canvas (2025).

Santapan Keluarga II continues the narrative from the artist's earlier work, portraying a serene afternoon meal shared among family members. The composition highlights a variety of traditional dishes that symbolise togetherness, gratitude, and cultural heritage. Through this piece, the artist reflects on how simple meals carry profound meaning by strengthening family bonds and preserving traditions passed down through generations. The careful arrangement of food and vibrant tones evoke warmth, intimacy, and the timeless beauty of communal dining in Bornean culture.

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For beer lovers, Vino Lounge offers **some of the lowest beer prices in town**, making it an appealing choice for a relaxed evening.

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The seamless combination of drinks, food and entertainment makes it easy to stay for another round.

Games, Challenges & Daily Promotions

The fun continues beyond the bar. Guests can challenge friends to a game of **darts or pool**, adding friendly competition to the evening. For those testing their luck, the venue's **Daily Dice King** offers the chance to win a **RM50 voucher**.

With **upcoming Halloween games and special promotions** in the works, Vino Lounge constantly introduces fresh reasons to visit.

A Venue For Events & Special Gatherings

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**From Personal Discovery
To A Purposeful Calling**

Before becoming a Health Management Consultant, Bonie Tan built a diverse career spanning advertising, F&B chain store operations, and design and build project management — experience that gave her a broad, multi-dimensional professional perspective.

Her journey with the International Grace Health Management Association began more than nine months ago. Through regular health talks and continuous learning, she has deepened her understanding of health and wellbeing every day.

Driven by curiosity, she took on the challenge of the Qi, Blood & Fluids (Qi Xue Shui) examination through an intensive online programme, and successfully qualified as a Health Management Consultant.

**Bonie's Journey Toward Better Well-Being**

Bonie has condition Rheumatoid Arthritis - As part of her personal wellness journey, she began taking Qi Xue Shui.

She has experienced encouraging improvements in her overall well-being since incorporating Qi Xue Shui into her daily routine.

**BONE HEALTH IS MORE
THAN CALCIUM****Five Key Elements For Healthy
Bones & Joints**

When we talk about bone health, one question often comes first: "Am I getting enough calcium?" While calcium is essential, strong bones involve a much bigger picture—including how nutrients are absorbed, the role of supporting vitamins, joint care, and muscle strength. Here is how to look at bone and joint health holistically.

**01 | Calcium & Absorption**

Choosing calcium isn't just about the number on a supplement label. Source and absorption matter. **Algae Calcium**, derived from natural red algae, offers a porous, honeycomb-like structure that provides a larger surface area. However, calcium must pass through the digestive system to be utilized. Maintaining a healthy gut—often supported by probiotics—is key to ensuring your body actually absorbs what you take.

02 | The Role Of Magnesium & Vitamin D

Bone health should never rely on calcium alone:

- **Magnesium:** Over half of the body's magnesium is stored in bones. It aids bone structure, muscle function, and vitamin D metabolism.
- **Vitamin D:** Essential for calcium utilization. Beyond supplements, 15 to 20 minutes of daily sunlight helps your body produce vitamin D, which is then converted by the liver and kidneys into its active form.

03 | Joint & Cartilage Support

Strong bones need flexible joints to keep you mobile. Ingredients worth knowing include:

- **Glucosamine:** A natural component of cartilage that helps support joint flexibility.
- **Curcumin & Ginger Extract:** Studies suggest curcumin may support joint comfort and function in people with knee osteoarthritis, while ginger may also support joint comfort and healthy inflammatory responses.

04 | Muscle Strength & Non-Surgical Care

Hearing that a joint has cartilage wear doesn't automatically mean surgery. Proper professional assessment, rehabilitation, and targeted exercise help strengthen the muscles surrounding the knee, offering vital support to the joints.

THE REAL GOAL: LIFELONG MOBILITY

True bone health isn't measured by the number of supplements on your shelf—it's measured by what your body allows you to do. Whether standing independently, walking comfortably, or traveling, preserving mobility into your 60s, 70s, and beyond is the ultimate goal.

Every person's health condition is different. This article is intended to share general concepts related to health management and everyday wellness. If you experience persistent or significant symptoms, consult a doctor or qualified healthcare professional for appropriate evaluation and care.





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在多年的企业服务与商业实践中，我见证了无数企业的成长与转型，也深刻体会到真正决定一家企业能走多远，从来不只是市场机会或短期业绩，而是其背后的合规基础与治理能力。正因如此，我们始终坚持以专业与责任为核心专注于为企业打造稳健、可持续的合规体系，协助本地及国际企业实现长远发展，成为客户值得信赖的长期合作伙伴。

Over the years, I have seen businesses rise and fall, and one truth remains clear. Long-term success is not driven by opportunity alone, but by the strength of a company's compliance and governance foundation. Guided by this belief, we are committed to building robust and sustainable frameworks that enable businesses to grow with confidence. We support both local and international enterprises in achieving lasting success, positioning ourselves as a trusted partner in their journey forward.

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Originating from **Kota Belud, Sabah**, **NUHEA Health & Wellness** is reimagining what it means to be a modern wellness brand. Rather than relying solely on traditional supplement retail, NUHEA is building its presence around shared experiences, movement, and community connection.

Guided by its motto, **“Find Your More,”** NUHEA operates on the belief that everyone possesses untapped potential—they simply need the right inspiration and platform to unlock it.

“Sometimes people already have the talent within them—they just haven’t found the right inspiration or platform to discover what they are capable of. That’s what we’re trying to build.” — Clarence Thomas, Founder

While products like the NUHEA Himalayan Natural Shilajit Gummies form the cornerstone of its supplement range—delivering natural vitality in a convenient, daily format—the brand’s philosophy extends far beyond nutrition. NUHEA believes true wellness encompasses physical strength, mental resilience, and active participation in life.

To bring this philosophy to life, NUHEA actively integrates itself into spaces where people gather, compete, and challenge themselves.

NUHEA’s approach to health focuses on direct engagement:

- **Physical Endurance:** At Borneo Pangazou Unleashed, NUHEA partnered with Poliklinik Olidas to host the Hanging Bar Challenge. Visitors were invited to test their grip strength and mental fortitude by hanging onto a bar for 100 seconds to win RM100. Open to all fitness levels, the challenge encouraged everyday attendees to step out of their comfort zones.
- **Cultural & Community Movement:** Beyond fitness expos, NUHEA supports grassroots sports—ranging from football and combat sports to traditional Malaysian games like Konda-Kondi, celebrating heritage and active living.
- **Mindset & Athletic Discipline:** Through initiatives like the FightFest Champions Summit, NUHEA highlights the discipline, resilience, and mental health required in combat sports, emphasising that wellness is as much psychological as it is physical.

Recognising that wellness looks different for every generation, NUHEA is also stepping into the digital arena. By organising upcoming Tekken 8 and EA SPORTS FC tournaments at HobbyCon in Sabah, the brand engages the growing esports community—fostering focus, quick thinking, and connection in non-traditional sports settings.

By pairing high-quality natural health supplements with interactive community experiences, NUHEA is proving that vitality isn’t just a daily product routine. It is an active pursuit of growth, resilience, and discovery.

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CULTURAL HIGH COUTURE

Sabah Steals The Runway At Malaysia Heritage Pageant 2026

When traditional craft meets contemporary runway glamour, fashion history is rewritten. On the evening of September 26, 2026, the Pan Borneo Hotel in Kota Kinabalu was transformed into a high-octane sanctuary of Malaysian heritage, sartorial poise, and modern elegance. The **Malaysia Heritage Pageant Grand Final 2026** brought together the finest talents and sartorial expressions from East Malaysia, proving that cultural heritage remains the ultimate luxury.

Drenched in a sumptuous black-and-gold luxury aesthetic—accentuated by intricate textile motifs, brilliant tiaras, and heritage embellishments—the evening seamlessly merged high-fashion runway codes with ancestral storytelling.

The New Crown Jewels: LITTLE MISS HERITAGE MALAYSIA 2026

The next generation of style icons took to the stage in a dazzling display of youthful poise and heritage-inspired couture. Emerging victorious from an exceptionally chic lineup of finalists was **Jillian**, representing Sabah, who claimed the main title with unshakeable grace.



High Drama & Heritage Glamour: MISS HERITAGE MALAYSIA 2026

As night fell, the adult category elevated the evening into pure runway artistry. Radiating contemporary elegance and sharp magnetic presence, **Bellviana** of Sabah was crowned Miss Heritage Malaysia 2026, delivering a masterclass in modern pageantry.

Sarawak's representatives equally dazzled the judges with rich textual layers of traditional weave, striking headpieces, and undeniable stage presence, celebrating the multi-faceted beauty of Borneo.

Presented under **The Heritage Malaysia Pageant** platform, alongside key creative influences such as **Miss Heritage Sabah Borneo**, **The Heritage Pageants Malaysia Borneo**, and the sartorial silhouettes of the **December Teo Collection**, the gala elevated traditional textiles into red-carpet-worthy statements.

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Under the dynamic leadership of **Chairperson Mr. Suresh M. Ramasamy**, 2026 has been a transformative year for the **Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Sabah & Labuan Chapter**. Serving as the primary collective voice for the regional hotel industry, MAH represents leading hotel establishments—from boutique properties to premier resorts—uniting hoteliers, government bodies, and key stakeholders to power Sabah and Labuan's visitor economy.



Function & Purpose: The Strategic Voice Of Hospitality

MAH functions as an essential partner, advocate, and machinery within the regional tourism ecosystem. Its primary purpose is to drive hospitality excellence, protect the common interests of member hotels, and bridge the gap between private enterprise and public policy. Beyond managing room occupancies, MAH advocates for the broader destination, ensuring that the hotel sector actively shapes economic development, tourism policy, and community culture.



Core Objectives & Strategic Focus



- Industry Leadership:**
Championing the hotel sector's interests through constructive, high-level dialogue with state government ministries and tourism bodies.
- Destination Preparedness:**
Uniting hoteliers to ensure full operational readiness and high visibility for major campaigns, including Visit Malaysia 2026.
- Human Capital & Talent Growth:**
Nurturing local talent and strengthening the regional workforce pipeline through dedicated MAHTeC and HR engagement platforms.
- Community & Cultural Engagement:**
Actively supporting regional celebrations and tourism milestones to elevate Sabah's cultural identity and visitor experience.

VISION & INNOVATION

Key Achievements & Impact In 2026

- **Government Engagement:** Led strategic high-level visits to key government figures, including Minister of Finance YB Datuk Seri Panglima Masidi Manjun, to address critical industry issues.
- **Cultural & Community Presence:** Mobilised 15 member hotels to showcase Sabahan culinary excellence at the State-Level Chinese New Year Open House, while supporting major regional events including the Sabah Tourism Awards, Lampoopalooza, and the Sabah Tourism Board's 50th Golden Anniversary.
- **Human Capital & Talent Development:** Facilitated dedicated HR sub-committee engagements to nurture local talent and strengthen the industry's workforce pipeline.
- **Industry Unity & Camaraderie:** Hosted the 2026 Annual General Meeting alongside community initiatives like the MAHSAL Bowling Tournament, fostering professional synergy and strong inter-hotel relationships.

Through continuous advocacy, strategic dialogue, and unwavering commitment, Mr. Suresh M. Ramasamy and MAH Sabah & Labuan continue to build a united, future-ready hospitality sector.



Le MERIDIEN KOTA KINABALU

SURESH M. RAMASAMY *The Art Of Hospitality - 40 Years of Experience, One Vision for the Future*

In hospitality, experience is measured not only by the number of years spent behind a hotel desk, but by the people led, guests welcomed, challenges navigated and standards continuously raised.

With 40 years in the hotel industry and three years at the helm of Le Méridien Kota Kinabalu, Suresh brings a wealth of experience to one of Sabah's most dynamic hospitality landscapes.

Beyond his role as General Manager, his appointment as Chairman of the Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH) Sabah & Labuan Chapter in 2026 places him at the forefront of conversations shaping the state's hotel and tourism industry.



Reflecting on four decades in hospitality, how has your journey led you to Le Méridien Kota Kinabalu?

I have been in the hotel industry for **40 years in total**. I have also been serving as the **General Manager of Le Méridien Kota Kinabalu for the past three years, since September 2022**.

Over the years, the industry has given me the opportunity to experience different challenges, work with different teams and understand what it takes to consistently deliver quality hospitality.



Looking back at your tenure at Le Méridien Kota Kinabalu, what are some of the achievements that stand out for you?

There are several achievements that I am particularly proud of.

These include our performance in the **Associate Engagement Survey KPI** and **Guest Satisfaction Survey**, as well as achieving the **Marriott International 2022 APEC General Manager & Hotel Awards**.

We have also continued to focus on our **year-on-year revenue performance**, which is an important indicator of the hotel's overall business performance.

For me, these achievements are not simply about numbers or awards. They reflect the collective effort of the team and the commitment of our associates to delivering a positive experience for our guests.



Looking ahead, what is your vision for Le Méridien Kota Kinabalu over the next five years?

Our vision is clear. We want Le Méridien Kota Kinabalu to become a **preferred city hotel in Kota Kinabalu and a leading international hotel in the city**.

At the same time, we want to strengthen our position as a preferred hotel for **families coming to Sabah for their holidays**.

Another important area is the MICE and corporate market. We aim to be a **preferred MICE and corporate meeting venue**, providing a strong platform for business events, meetings and gatherings in Kota Kinabalu.



Suresh's responsibilities extend beyond the walls of Le Méridien. As Chairman of the **MAH Sabah & Labuan Chapter**, his focus is also on strengthening collaboration within the hospitality industry and creating greater engagement between hotels, government agencies and local communities.



As Chairman of MAH Sabah & Labuan Chapter, what are your key priorities for 2026 and beyond?

As Chairman of MAH Sabah & Labuan Chapter, I would like to drive the Executive Committee towards achieving several key initiatives.

These include **quarterly Executive Committee meetings** and **quarterly CSR activities**, as well as stronger engagement between MAH member hotels and local authorities and agencies such as the **Sabah Tourism Board, Sabah Cultural Board, KEPKAS, DBKK, MOF and JKR**.

We also want to encourage our MAH hotel members to adopt **Community-Based Tourism** initiatives and further develop training needs for hotel associates through **MAHTEC Learning & Development**.

Another important responsibility is representing our members and voicing industry challenges to the relevant agencies, including issues such as **water supply**, which is an important concern for the hospitality sector.

We will also participate in organising the **Sabah Hospitality Fiesta and Exhibition 2026**, while serving as a communication channel between our Sabah members and **MAH National in Kuala Lumpur**.

Beyond industry matters, we also plan to organise sporting activities such as **badminton, bowling, pickleball and futsal**, creating opportunities for networking, teamwork and engagement among our members.



For Suresh, leadership within the hospitality industry is not confined to hotel performance. It also involves collaboration, communication, training, community engagement and ensuring that the industry's concerns are heard.

His approach reflects an increasingly interconnected hospitality landscape, where hotels are part of a much larger tourism ecosystem involving government agencies, local communities, businesses and destination stakeholders.

As Sabah continues to strengthen its position as a tourism destination, the role of experienced hospitality leaders will remain an important part of that journey.



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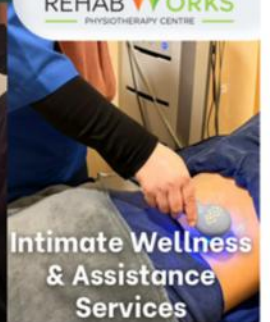
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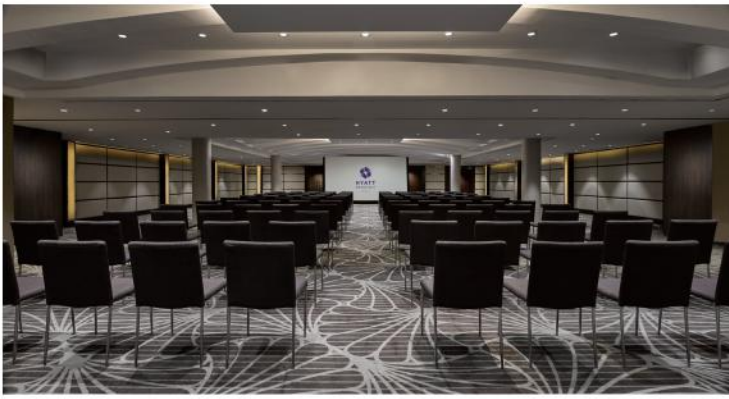
Where City Sophistication Meets Exceptional Hospitality

In the heart of Kota Kinabalu, where urban energy meets Sabah's distinctive warmth, **Hyatt Regency Kinabalu** presents an elegant setting for travelers, business guests and those seeking a memorable venue for life's important occasions.

Ideally located in the city centre, the hotel offers convenient access to Kota Kinabalu International Airport, Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC), major business districts, shopping destinations, dining establishments and key city attractions. Its central address makes it an appealing choice for both business and leisure, placing the best of Kota Kinabalu within easy reach.

Yet it is the hotel's ability to bring together sophisticated spaces, personalised hospitality and distinctive culinary experiences that truly sets it apart.





Hyatt Regency Kinabalu offers **13 flexible event spaces** designed to accommodate everything from intimate corporate seminars to gala dinners and social celebrations.

Among its signature venues, the **Kimanis Ballroom** hosts up to 360 guests for sit-down dinners and 400 for cocktail receptions. It features a new 16 ft × 8 ft LED screen that enhances presentations, videos, and event branding with exceptional clarity. For a more unique setting, **The Residence** provides a stylish, residential-inspired environment centered around an interactive show kitchen and equipped with an 11 ft × 5 ft LED screen. Live culinary preparation becomes a central element of the experience, fostering direct engagement between guests and the culinary team.

Every occasion is supported by dedicated event specialists and tailored dining options—including authentic Indian cuisine crafted by **Chef Govind Singh**.

For events outside the hotel, a customized off-site catering service with a **mobile kitchen** brings live culinary experiences directly to clients' preferred locations. Event operations also integrate sustainable practices, such as refillable glass water bottles, food waste separation, reduced single-use items, and responsible sourcing. As a Green Key-certified hotel, Hyatt Regency Kinabalu remains committed to advancing responsible hospitality and more sustainable events.

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Under the leadership of FAVSTYLE's Editor-in-Chief & Managing Director, **Mr. Alfred Allen Ginsos**, this collaboration marks a pivotal evolution in how we share local travel experiences.

Together, we are bridging the space between inspiration and exploration, making your dream getaway across Sabah easier to discover and book than ever before.

"Travel is no longer just about destinations. It is about the entire ecosystem surrounding the journey, from accommodation and activities to local experiences, tour operators, and the people behind them."

For FAVSTYLE, this collaboration represents a major shift from traditional editorial destination feature stories to a connected travel ecosystem. Through this partnership, FAVSTYLE readers gain a direct pathway from inspiration to action.



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BEHIND THE SCENES OF SABAH

Beyond The Destination. Into The Heart of Nature.

Sabah is a land of extraordinary beauty, but beneath its breathtaking scenery lies a living ecosystem that deserves to be understood and protected. This is the vision behind **Behind the Scenes of Sabah**, a travel storytelling initiative hosted by **Ben Uzair** and **Miao In Sabah** that ventures beyond sightseeing to uncover the soul of the region through conservation and gastronomy.



Where Nature Becomes The Experience

The journey began at **Gayana Marine Resort** on Gaya Island. Beyond its overwater villas, the resort houses the **Marine Ecology Research Centre (MERC)**, which rehabilitates marine life through research and environmental education. MERC is renowned for propagating all seven giant clam species found in Malaysian waters and restoring coral reefs in Malohom Bay. At Gayana, luxury gains a deeper dimension by protecting the ocean beneath it.



Into The Rainforest

From the sea, the story shifted to **Bungaraya Island Resort**, nestled along the rainforest hillside of Polish Bay. With Bornean-style villas named after local hibiscus species, the resort highlights the relationship between hospitality and nature. Walking through the forest invites visitors to appreciate details often missed in photos and reflects on how tourism can remain mindful of vulnerable ecosystems.

A Taste Of Sabah

Gastronomy offers another layer of connection. At **Longhouse Restaurant**, a Malaysian set menu featured dishes like Hinava Udang, Kerabu Ayam, Beef Rendang, Nyonya seabass, cuttlefish sambal, and Bubur Pulut Hitam. Food reflects Sabah's cultural diversity and natural abundance, reminding us that travel is also about what we taste and carry home.



Travel With Purpose

Behind the Scenes of Sabah connects marine research with rainforest appreciation, offering two complementary perspectives on conservation. By transforming travel content into meaningful stories, the initiative encourages responsible exploration. Ultimately, the most unforgettable journeys are those that change how we see nature and inspire us to protect it.

*The next layer of Sabah awaits—
are you ready to discover it?*

Words and Visuals by Writer on-the-Go

COURTESY VISIT TO THE INDONESIAN CONSULATE IN KOTA KINABALU



The **FAVSTYLE** Magazine team recently paid a courtesy visit to the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Kota Kinabalu, in an engagement arranged and led by **Lorena Binisol** of **Writer on-the-Go**, a media platform and contributor to **FAVSTYLE** Magazine.

The visit provided an opportunity for the team to meet with **His Excellency Bapa Noorman Effendi**, **Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia**, and introduce **FAVSTYLE** Magazine, its editorial direction, as well as the various platforms and services it offers.

Also in attendance were **FAVSTYLE** Magazine **Editor-in-Chief Alfred Allen Ginsos**, **Strategic Advisor Adjunct Professor Dr. Jessie Jong**, **Belinda Wille** - **FAVSTYLE** HR & Finance Director and **Omar Wille** - **FAVSTYLE** social media & Digital Content Director, who are involved in social media, content creation and creative production. Their participation reflected the magazine's multidisciplinary approach to storytelling and digital media, combining editorial, strategic, creative and social media expertise to reach wider audiences.

Lorena, who has worked closely with **FAVSTYLE** Magazine as a contributor, facilitated the engagement as part of her efforts to create greater opportunities for collaboration between the media and diplomatic communities. The visit also provided a platform for the **FAVSTYLE** team to share its vision of using media and storytelling to strengthen connections between Sabah and Indonesia.

Editor-in-Chief **Alfred Allen Ginsos** shared **FAVSTYLE** Magazine's commitment to strengthening its role as a media platform that can work closely with the Consulate in promoting and highlighting Indonesia-related activities and initiatives in Sabah.

He said the magazine could serve as a bridge to bring greater visibility to the many areas of connection between Sabah and Indonesia, including culture, heritage, food, tourism, lifestyle, business, investment, education, economic opportunities and people-to-people connections.

Through feature stories, interviews, event coverage and other editorial content, **FAVSTYLE** Magazine hopes to showcase the richness and diversity of Indonesian culture while highlighting the longstanding connections between the people of Sabah and Indonesia.

Alfred also shared the magazine's interest in working with the Consulate to reach wider audiences and promote initiatives that contribute to greater cultural understanding, tourism exchange, business opportunities and community engagement.

The courtesy visit marked a positive first step towards exploring closer cooperation between **FAVSTYLE** Magazine and the **Indonesian Consulate in Kota Kinabalu**, with a shared interest in promoting stronger cultural ties, greater understanding and people-to-people connections between Sabah and Indonesia.

Consul General Bapa Noorman Effendi welcomed the proposed collaboration and expressed his support for exploring opportunities to work together in the future. His positive response reflected the Consulate's openness to engaging with local media platforms such as **FAVSTYLE** Magazine to promote greater awareness and understanding of Indonesia's cultural, social and economic connections with Sabah.

Also present during the courtesy visit were **Ibu Machdaniar Nisfah**, Consul for Social and Cultural Affairs, and **Bapa Yogo Pamungkas**, Consul for Economic Affairs, who joined the meeting and participated in discussions on potential areas of collaboration.

Indonesian Consulate General in Kota Kinabalu (KJRI Kota Kinabalu)

Established as a consulate in January 1962 and later upgraded to a Consulate General in 1977, the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Kota Kinabalu (KJRI Kota Kinabalu) serves as Indonesia's primary diplomatic mission representing its interests in Sabah. Located in Karamunsing, it provides essential diplomatic, economic, and consular support tailored to the regional cross-border dynamics between Sabah and Indonesia.

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For **Mr. James, founder of Kedai Emas Kepayan**, gold is more than an accessory—it is a tangible asset and a tradition of craftsmanship. Built on over a decade of industry experience, his core principle remains unchanged: quality should never be compromised.

Starting from modest beginnings at **KK Central Plaza**, Kedai Emas Kepayan has earned a reputation for trust and excellence. Today, the brand has expanded with a second outlet at **Citymall** in Kota Kinabalu, bringing its refined approach to a wider audience.

At the Citymall outlet, selected pre-owned gold undergoes a careful re-crafting process. By preserving the material's integrity, Kedai Emas Kepayan transforms pre-loved pieces into elegant new rings, chains, and bespoke jewellery designed for enduring value.

Expanding beyond the traditional showroom, the brand frequently participates in local events and collaborates with local bridal houses, pairing intricate gold craftsmanship with wedding fashion to create timeless masterpiece collections.



Mr. James' expertise also extends to silver bullion coin collecting, shaping a broader philosophy on wealth preservation. He views gold and silver as essential financial security, advising: ***Regardless of gold or silver, treat these precious metals as future commodities that can be useful when we need urgent cash flow or face an emergency.*** Whether purchasing fine jewellery or physical gold bars, he encourages clients to align their choices with their personal budget and long-term goals.

From its humble roots to its presence at Citymall, Kedai Emas Kepayan continues to unite tradition, beauty, and practical value. Its guiding philosophy remains straightforward: choose quality, preserve value, wear it proudly, and understand the precious metal you own.





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WESTERN TAILOR A Sabahan Legacy On The International Stage

True luxury is never loud; it is felt in the weight of hand-selected textiles, seen in the clean drape of a silhouette, and experienced through the intimate, centuries-old ritual of bespoke tailoring. For **Western Tailor – Kota Kinabalu**, suit-making is an elevated art form refined over decades of uncompromising dedication to sartorial excellence. Recently, that dedication placed Sabah at the very heart of the international luxury movement.

From 31 August to 5 September 2026, Western Tailor proudly represented Malaysia at the prestigious **29th Congress of the Federation of Asian Master Tailors (FAMT)**, held at the majestic **Hilton Bali Resort in Nusa Dua**.

Themed "Sartorial Paradise", this grand gathering brought together Asia's most respected master tailors to celebrate world-class craftsmanship and shape the future of haute couture tailoring.

What sets Western Tailor apart in the realm of high luxury is an obsessive devotion to the fundamental architecture of the suit: proportion, canvassing, drape, and precision hand-stitching. In an era dominated by fast fashion and automated mass production, Western Tailor remains a sanctuary for authentic bespoke tailoring—where a garment is individually sculpted to reflect the character, prestige, and lifestyle of its wearer.

By debuting these pieces alongside Asia's finest designers, Western Tailor proved that world-class sartorial conversations do not belong exclusively to European fashion capitals. From Kota Kinabalu to Nusa Dua, the atelier brought a distinctive Sabahan perspective to a regional audience, demonstrating how heritage craftsmanship, local identity, and modern luxury seamlessly converge.



Western Tailor wears Sabah Batik featuring intricate traditional motifs and patterns at the congress.



Gerain Chan with Gaetano Aloisio (President of the World Federation of Master Tailors) and Vincent Lee (President of the Indonesian Master Tailor Association)





Making its official international runway debut at the FAMT 2026 Fashion Show, Western Tailor showcased two bespoke masterpieces inspired by the natural splendour of their home state:

- **“Tropi Blue”** – A serene sky-blue suit paired with an elegant tropical scarf and custom Sabah-themed badges, evoking the essence of the state’s pristine beaches and vibrant, clear skies.
- **“Sunset Cadence”** – A striking, unconventional multi-layered patterned ensemble that artfully captures the dramatic, soul-stirring tones of Sabah’s legendary coastal sunsets.


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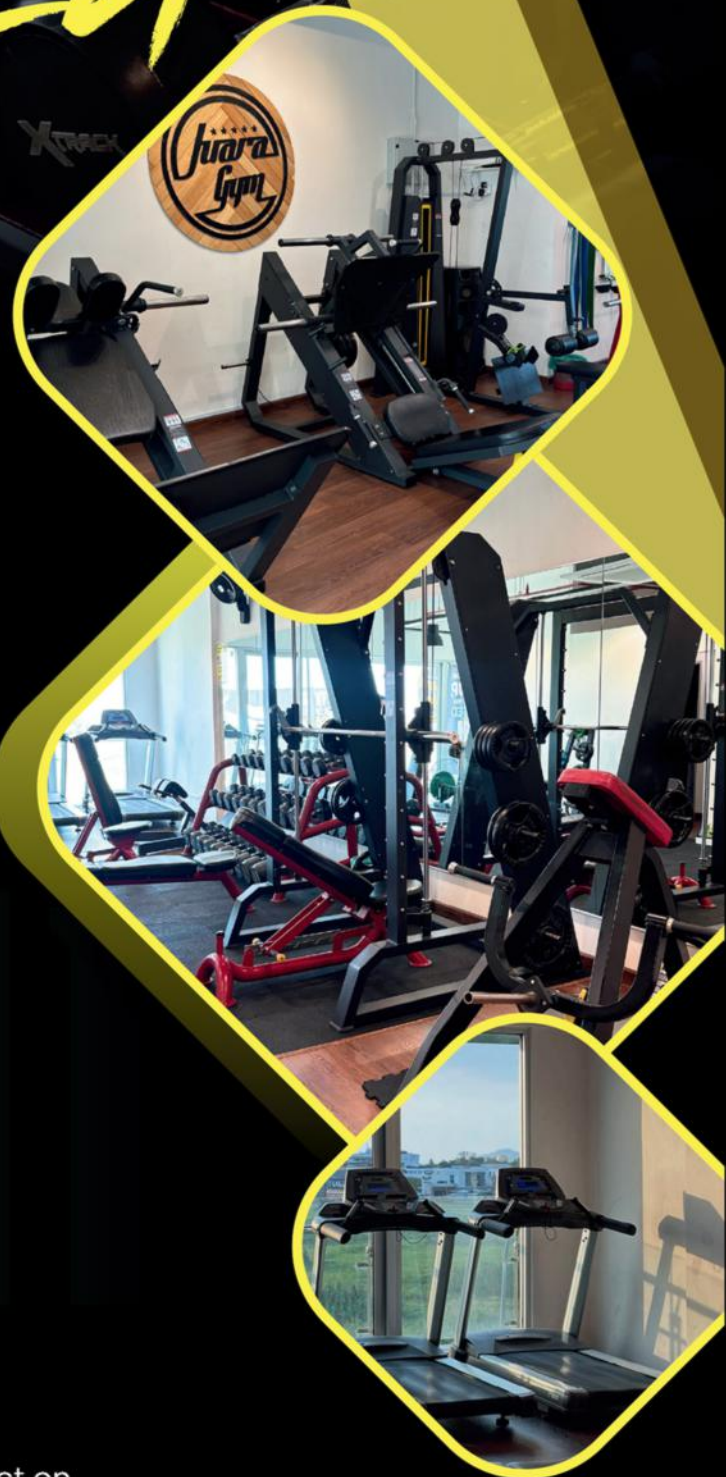
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Building Foundations: Opening Doors To Financial Confidence | Adjunct Prof. Dr. Jessie Jong - CarersPlus Asia

While carer training typically focuses on clinical skills, money management is equally vital. On Saturday, August 29, **Adjunct Professor Dr. Jessie Jong Chung Jin (A.S.D.K)** led an engaging **Personal Budgeting Workshop** for **CarersPlus Asia** students, covering expense tracking, goal setting, and financial planning.

For many students—often the first in their families to pursue structured vocational education—transitioning from kampung life to urban placements involves managing rent, transport, and independent living expenses.

This workshop provided a supportive space to address these real-world financial challenges.

Rather than treating budgeting as just another module, the session aimed to build lasting financial confidence. Learning to plan around a paycheck empowers students to save, set personal goals, and navigate their future independence. This workshop is part of weekly development sessions at CarersPlus Asia designed to prepare students for sustainable careers beyond graduation—spanning financial literacy, health awareness, and professional growth.

Special thanks to Dr. Jessie Jong for guiding our students toward a more secure, independent future.



Beyond the Plate: Shaping Sabah's Culinary Future

There is a story behind every exceptional plate, and in Sabah, that story is becoming increasingly sophisticated, distinctive and influential.

FAVSTYLE Media Magazine, represented by Editor-in-Chief Mr. Alfred Allen Ginsos, attended **"Beyond the Plate: Shaping Sabah's Future Food Scene"** hosted at **Hyatt Centric Kota Kinabalu**. This thought-provoking forum brought together industry leaders, restaurateurs, and culinary students to explore the evolution of Sabah's gastronomy.

Among the distinguished voices at the forum was **Chef Top Russell of Mia Restaurant**, joined by **Linn Vong of Limau and Linen**, **Emerson of Hearth Restaurant**, **David Lee of Ah Yen Sandakan Noodle**, and **Kong Han of In Restaurant**.

Together, they discussed preserving local identity, emerging culinary narratives, and inspiring future hospitality entrepreneurs.

The forum highlighted Sabah's food culture as a growing platform for innovation, heritage, and opportunity, marking an ambitious new chapter for the region's culinary scene.



A Celebration Of Beauty, Confidence & Young Elegance

FAVSTYLE Media Magazine is honoured to be a **Media Partner for Beauty Little Miss Sabah State Level 2026**, presented by **Claster Collection, Beauty Pageant & Event Planner**, the **Beauty Little Miss Sabah State Level 2026** competition celebrates a new generation of aspiring talents under the inspiring spirit of **"Shining Young Stars."**



On behalf of **FAVSTYLE** Magazine, **Belinda Willie** and **Omar Willie** received a **Certificate of Appreciation** from the organisers in recognition of the magazine's valued support.

More than a competition, the event provides an inspiring platform for contestants across the Kids and Teen categories to build poise, embrace individuality, and shine.

FAVSTYLE Magazine congratulates all the winners, finalists, and participants, wishing these bright young stars a beautiful journey ahead filled with success and memorable moments.



BORNEO COFFEE COLLECTIVE 2026

Borneo Coffee Collective 2026 (BCC 2026) concluded its four-day event at Suria Sabah Shopping Mall from 1 to 4 October, attracting approximately **40,000 visitors** and bringing together coffee professionals, businesses, baristas and the public.

Organised by **Locablack** and the **United Borneo Barista Association (UBBA)**, with **Suria Sabah Shopping Mall** as joint organiser, the **Borneo Coffee Convention (BCC) 2026** featured **40 booths** representing coffee, matcha, lifestyle brands, and SMEs.

The event hosted **three major coffee championships** with around 50 competitors and eight international judges: the **Malaysia Aromaster Championship 2026**, **Borneo OATSIDE Latte Art Championship 2026**, and the **ASEAN Libex Team Brewing Championship 2026**, supported by the **ASEAN Coffee Federation**.



Another major highlight, the interactive **Borneo Coffee Brew Playground**, welcomed nearly 200 participants for hands-on brewing experiences, promoting coffee education and culture. Beyond competitions, BCC 2026 aimed to foster local business growth, professional development, and regional industry connections.



The event was led by **Lucas Chong**, **Founder of Locablack**, **President of UBBA**, and **Organising Chairman of BCC 2026**.



The organisers extend their sincere appreciation to Suria Sabah Shopping Mall, sponsors, exhibitors, judges, competitors, and volunteers whose support made BCC 2026 a resounding success.

ABOUT BORNEO COFFEE COLLECTIVE (BCC)

Borneo Coffee Collective is a coffee industry and public engagement platform connecting coffee professionals, businesses and consumers through exhibitions, competitions and educational experiences.

ABOUT UNITED BORNEO BARISTA ASSOCIATION (UBBA)

The United Borneo Barista Association is a registered association committed to developing the barista community and supporting the wider coffee industry in Borneo. Its guiding slogan is "United by Coffee, Inspired by Borneo."

"BCC 2026 was never just about organising a coffee expo. My vision was to bring our coffee community together, create opportunities for local businesses and baristas, and show what Borneo's coffee industry can achieve when we work together. This is only the beginning."

Guided by its motto, **"United by Coffee, Inspired by Borneo,"** UBBA remains committed to supporting baristas, roasters, educators, and café owners through training, competitions, and strategic partnerships. Looking ahead, Locablack and UBBA plan to deepen collaborations with government agencies, institutions, and corporate partners to nurture local talent across the region.

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BLO HAIR STUDIO OPENS AT JESSELTON TWIN TOWERS



BLO Hair Studio has officially launched at **Jesselton Twin Towers**, introducing a fresh destination for contemporary styling, professional hair care, and personal indulgence.

FAVSTYLE Media Magazine attended the grand opening, an elegant celebration featuring signature hair treatments, live DJ music, and guest of honour **Puan Sri Irene Loo**.

Beyond the opening festivities, BLO offers more than standard salon services—it provides a considered beauty ritual designed to elevate how clients look and feel. From advanced hair care to tailored styling, the studio brings a modern, refined approach to the city's beauty landscape.

Special thanks to Ms. Michelle Chu and Cheryl Lo for facilitating this collaboration.



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A CONVERGENCE OF FAITH AND SOUND HILLSONG WORSHIP'S ASIA TOUR

On 13 September 2026, the **Sabah International Convention Centre** hosted the **Hillsong Worship Nights Asia Tour 2026**, creating a powerful evening of faith, unity, and hope in Kota Kinabalu.

The night commenced with an uplifting opening set by **Eylia Guntabid** before **Hillsong Worship** took the stage. For two and a half hours, the Grammy Award-winning collective led thousands of worshippers through iconic anthems, including *O Praise The Name*, *Mighty To Save*, and *What A Beautiful Name*.

Organised by **StarPlanet**, this landmark event highlighted Sabah's capability to host major international gatherings.

Sincere gratitude goes to **Sounds Tech Production** (official concert sound system provider), sound crew, volunteers, and RELA officers, whose seamless coordination ensured an inspiring, safe, and unforgettable evening of collective praise.





BORNEO TAKES THE STAGE: BORNEO RISING 2026

Borneo is no longer waiting for the spotlight; it is stepping into it.

Presented by Astro with CelcomDigi as a strategic partner, Borneo Rising 2026 brings together 12 emerging singers from Sabah and Sarawak in an eight-week competition designed to discover East Malaysia's next generation of music talent. Staged live at ITCC Mall in Penampang, the show is hosted by Zizan Razak and Sherry Alhadad, with expert guidance from judges Noh Salleh, Marsha Milan, and Shila Amzah.

Beyond finding a winner, the programme connects music, culture, technology, and community. CelcomDigi enhances fan engagement through a digital voting ecosystem—where audience votes count for 20% of weekly scores—alongside interactive roadshows and the “Persembahan Paling Power” segment.

The grand winner will secure a single, music video, digital content, marketing support, and potential tour opportunities.

Broadcast across Astro, RTM, Astro GO, Sooka, and RTMKlik, the competition extends its reach to national audiences. With Astro powering the platform and CelcomDigi driving the connection, Borneo Rising 2026 is elevating regional voices into a national movement. Borneo is rising, and Malaysia is watching.



PCAKK 27TH CHARITY DINNER & SHOW 2026: RM100,000 Raised For Palliative Care

The Palliative Care Association of Kota Kinabalu (PCAKK) hosted its 27th Annual Charity Dinner and Show 2026 on 19 September 2026 at the Sabah International Convention Centre (SICC).

The event brought together community leaders, sponsors, and supporters for an evening dedicated to compassion and meaningful giving.

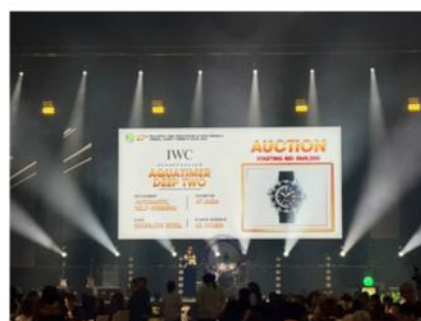
The Guest of Honour, **YB Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Joachim Gunsalam**, Deputy Chief Minister I and Minister of Works and Utilities Sabah, attended alongside **YBhg. Datin Seri Panglima Linda Ewit**.

The program commenced with the ceremonial Lighting of the PCA Logo, followed by welcome addresses from PCAKK President **Dato' Dr. Jaswant Singh** and Patron **Madam Meng Tan**. Highlights included the presentation of a mock key for a donated vehicle and touching videos—including the "Dream Come True" homcare feature and "When We Needed Help"—illustrating the vital role of palliative care for families.

A major focus of the evening was the Charity Public Auction featuring paintings and a personal watch collection, which successfully raised RM100,000 to support PCAKK's ongoing patient and family homcare services.

Guests enjoyed performances by **Rowhell Roland** and **Christal Ann Stephen**, sponsor appreciation, a lucky draw, and a dynamic headline performance by **The Australian Bruno Mars Show**. A memento was also presented to **Hyatt Regency Kinabalu** in recognition of its valued support.

Beyond the entertainment, the PCAKK 27th Annual Charity Dinner was a powerful celebration of dignity, generosity, and community unity, ensuring comfort and care for those who need it most.





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PERSATUAN SOKONGAN PENJAGAAN SABAH (PSPS) *Somebody Had To Start*

Long before **Persatuan Sokongan Penjagaan Sabah (PSPS)** had a name or a bank account, its founders were doing what millions of Malaysians quietly do every day: sitting around a kitchen table, working out who would look after an ageing parent this week.

Before they were an NGO, they were informal carers themselves — juggling work, family, and the unpaid, unrecognised task of keeping someone they loved safe, fed and dignified. They know, from the inside, that caregiving is at once the hardest and the most worthwhile work a person can do. PSPS exists because they decided that knowledge should not stay private.



It should not need saying that almost every one of us will, at some point, either give this kind of care or need it. We say it anyway, because caregiving in Malaysia remains largely invisible — a private family matter rather than a public one, a job rather than a profession, something that happens to people rather than something the country plans for.

That is not new information. Malaysian officials were warning about the country's changing demographics as far back as 1995.

Three decades on, the numbers have simply caught up with the warning: Malaysia is on track to cross the United Nations threshold for an “aged nation” — 15% of the population aged 60 and above — before the end of this decade, and Sabah, with its large rural population and thinner formal safety net, will feel that shift earlier, and harder, than most.



Thirty years is long enough to build a considered response. What has often been built instead is machinery — departments, regulations, enforcement schedules — that moves at its own pace, in its own silos, and too often arrives at the community only after the community has already solved the problem for itself, informally, and at its own cost.

That gap between good intention and lived reality is not a reason for despair. It is the reason PSPS exists.



Pusat Sokongan Penjagaan Sabah – PSPS
Committee Members

Because in that gap, something has been happening anyway. Nursing homes have opened, founded by people with little more capital than conviction. Families have improvised care arrangements without support or training. And a generation of caregivers — underpaid, under-recognised — has quietly proven that this work can be done with real skill and real professionalism, if only someone builds the pathway to let them.

That pathway is the part too often missing. Malaysia has no shortage of short courses that hand someone a certificate and leave them to find their own way into a job. What is rare — and what PSPS and its partners in the caregiving sector are building — is a pathway that starts with recruitment, runs through proper accredited training, and continues all the way through to placement, supervision, and a career that can grow: from carer, to senior carer, to the person training the next generation.

A trained carer does not only support the person in their care. They free a son or daughter to keep working, turn a family crisis into a managed household, and quietly keep the wider economy running. That is not a cost. It is an investment nobody has yet chosen to properly make.



On Friday, 6 November, PSPS steps into public view for the first time, at the VIVA! Carefest Gala Dinner at ITCC Penampang — an evening to introduce the organisation, thank the people already carrying this work, and ask Sabah's wider community to stand behind it. It is a beginning, not a conclusion.

The honest answer to “who is going to do something about this?” cannot keep being “someone else.” At some point it has to be us — the community, the employers, the people who will one day need a carer of their own. PSPS was founded on the belief that Sabah is ready to be that community. On 6 November, that belief becomes public.



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