

Weather Forecast

	Kuching	Samarahan	Serian	Sri Aman	Betong	Pasireri	Ribu	Mukah	Kapit	Bintulu	Miri	Limbang
AM	Partly Sunny	Partly Sunny	Sunny	Partly Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
PM	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	No Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Sunny	Sunny

Borneo Cultural Festival to be held from July 19-23

SIBU: The annual Borneo Cultural Festival (BCF) is back after a two-year lapse due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Sibu Municipal Council deputy chairman Bujang Zaimuddin said. However, Bujang said this year's event, to be held at Sibu Town Square Phase 1 from July 19 to 23, will be heavily scaled down due to Covid-19 restrictions. Unlike the previous editions, he said this year's BCF celebrations will only run for five days instead of the usual 10 days. He said the three communities - Iban, Malay/Melanau, Chinese - will also share the same pavilion at the main stage instead of having their own individual mini stages. "Still, BCF this year will be celebrated with strategic themes featuring the cultures of Borneo that everyone is going to enjoy," he added at the press conference yesterday afternoon. Also present were the two BCF

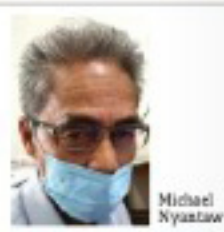


Bujang (fourth left), Zaiton (third left), Andy (fifth left) and other officials in a photo call during the press conference.

advisors Zaiton Abdul Kadir and Andy Ting. Bujang, who is also the event organising chairman, expected the BCF to attract a considerable crowd as the people gather here to celebrate the beauty of ethnic diversity at the various pavilions. He said SMC would be doing its best to ensure that the festival is celebrated with strict adherence to the standard operating

procedures (SOP). "Those who attend the BCF celebration should comply with the latest SOP available and only by complying with the SOP can the people truly enjoy the celebration." On the number of stalls expected to be set up as side activities, Bujang said it is still too early to determine the exact figure. He said there is also a possibility of getting foreign

troupes to come and spruce up the occasion. "We are thinking to invite foreign troupes from China and Indonesia but have yet to send out the invitation letters. We will come to that at a later stage." He said they will invite one of the Deputy Premiers for the opening ceremony on July 19 and Premier Datuk Patinggi Tan Sri Abang Johari Tun Openg for the closing event on July 23.



SUPP Song to hold TGM on April 9

KAPIT: SUPP (Sarawak United People's Party) Song branch is calling all members in the district to attend its Triennial General Meeting (TGM) next Saturday, April 9. It will be held at 10am at the conference room of Kapit District Council Building. According to SUPP Song branch chairman councillor Michael Nyantaw, among the agendas of the meeting are the election of new committee for its new term and appointment of election officers.

Saberkas Song treats students to free back-to-school haircuts

KAPIT: Saberkas Song District is calling all students of SMK Katibas and SMK Songi to have a free haircut and take part in its 'Jom Guntung Rambut Ke Sekolah' programme this Monday (April 4). The first of the two-session programme will be held at the school hall of SMK Katibas on Monday from 2 to 5pm. Meanwhile, the second session will be held at SMK Songi on Tuesday (April 5) from 2 to 5pm. Katibas assemblyman Lidam Assan, who sponsored the event, will grace the launching of the programme at SMK Katibas on Monday at 2pm.

Several activities held to mark police day in Marudi

MARUDI: Several activities were held in conjunction with the 25th Police Day celebration here recently. Police chief DSP Mohd Ruslan Mat Kip said among the activities were prayer services at churches and mosques, and bowling, sepak takraw, and a 9-side football competition. The final event held yesterday evening was a karaoke competition, which was won by Insp Mohd Areeen Mat (first), Constable Erwan Dollah (second), Nuk Mohd Hilmi Nik Puz (third), Cpl Ronal Sakudat (fourth), and Cpl Kalana Sapia (fifth). ASP George Sua Apau, ASP Goldy Jangas, Insp Macino and Insp G Visvanathan Cakesen were among those present at the final.



The cake-cutting in process.

PRAYER TIMES

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KUCHING

ISRAH	6:20
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SUBUH	6:49
ZULUH	12:45
ASAR	2:30
MAGHRIB	6:20
ISRAH	7:42

SIBU

ISRAH	6:20
ISRAH	6:10
SUBUH	6:49
ZULUH	12:29
ASAR	2:45
MAGHRIB	6:42
ISRAH	7:41

MIRI

ISRAH	6:20
SUBUH	6:50
ZULUH	12:45
ASAR	3:15
MAGHRIB	6:34
ISRAH	7:42

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Lomba Pemasaran Pertanian Persekitaran (FAMA)

Average Retail Prices Of Selected Commodities In Kuching (21 March 2022)

COMMODITIES	Price (RM/Kg)
VEGETABLES	
Round Cabbage	3.50
Long Cabbage	3.50
Chilli	12.00
White Beans	9.00
Cherry Tomato	12.00
Chinese Kale	12.00
Bean Sprout	2.50
Cauliflower	6.00
Brinjal	15.00
Local Tomato	7.00
Purple Tomato	10.00
Long Bean	10.00
French Bean	15.00
Local Pepper	15.00
Local	9.00
Pumpkin	6.00
River Cucumber	15.00
Longwinged Melon	15.00
Red Cucumber	10.00
Old Cucumber	10.00
Young Cucumber	10.00
Red Chili (Kuala)	20.00
Red Chili (Limbang)	7.00
Onion	11.00
Onion (Sembang)	4.50
Onion (Bakong)	3.50
Garlic	3.50
Imported Potato	3.20
Imported Carrot	4.50
Green Chive	4.75
Beetroot	1.10
Beetroot	3.00
POULTRY	
Chickens (Mey) (Female)	0.20
Kampung Male (Female)	0.20
Standard Chicken	0.20
Roper Chicken	0.20
Fresh Meat (Local)	60.00
Import of Meat	25.00
EGGS (RM/DOZ)	
Chicken Egg - Grade A*	0.18
Grade B*	0.17
Grade C*	0.15
Water Egg	0.08
FRUITS (RM/KG) (RM/DOZ)	
Apple	4.00
Cherry	4.10
Watermelon	0.20
Grape	0.20
Blueberry	0.20
Orange (Local)	7.00
Macadamia	3.00
Pineapple	3.50
Local Pineapple	0.20
Watermelon	0.20
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* Prices indicated at Medan Mega Bazar

Sarawak Metro awards winners of its Hydrogen Bus Photography Contest



Mazli (centre) poses with Lee (right) and Siew during the prize-giving ceremony.

KUCHING: Alan Lee's creative shot of Southeast Asia's first hydrogen-powered bus passing along Main Bazaar here was announced as the grand prize winner of Sarawak Metro Sdn Bhd's (Sarawak Metro) inaugural Hydrogen Bus Photography Contest at a prize-giving ceremony held here yesterday. His winning entry has won him the grand prize of a mini tablet and besides that, he also clinched the third prize of a smartphone with his entry of a man and a little boy taking a ride on board the hydrogen bus. Siew Thiam Lok won the second prize of a smartphone with his entry of the hydrogen bus passing along Jalan Tun Abang Haji Openg against the backdrop of the newly-opened Borneo Cultures Museum. Sarawak Metro's chief

executive officer Mazli Mustaffa who presented the prizes said a total of 164 submissions were received during the duration of the competition which ran from November 20 last year until February 26 this year. He added Sarawak Metro was overwhelmed with the entries submitted, such that it had to extend the closing date from its initial date of January 20. The contest was held to encourage the public to try out the hydrogen bus and experience travelling on zero-emission, thus helping to make the city clean and greener. Currently, the hydrogen bus trial operation runs on two routes, the Downtown Heritage Loop and the Damai Loop. The Downtown Heritage Loop operates daily from Monday to Sunday while the Damai Loop

operates on weekends. Sarawak Metro, a wholly owned subsidiary of Sarawak Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) has been entrusted to develop the Kuching Urban Transportation System (KUTS) project, which aims to reduce traffic congestion in Greater Kuching. The KUTS Project will be developed in phases and Phase One will involve the construction of two lines, Line 1 from Rembus in Kota Samarahan to the city centre covering a distance of 26 kilometres; and Line 2 from 12th Mile Kuching-Serian Expressway to the Isthmus covering a distance of 24 kilometres. At the heart of the KUTS Project is the hydrogen-powered ART, which will be complemented by the network of feeder buses powered by hydrogen fuel cells.

KCROA holds second blood donation drive

KAPIT: Members of Kapit Coffee Shop and Restaurant Owners' Association (KCROA) yesterday made its second contribution to the Blood Bank of Kapit Hospital here with a total of twelve pints of blood donated. Association chairman Ma Tian Ho who led the blood donation drive said the association had its first blood donation in January this year. "KCROA has adopted 'Blood Donation Drive' as one of our corporate social responsibilities among our members and we encourage the public to join us. "We are very fortunate because we have regular blood donors. I wish to thank all successful donors for their noble acts," said Ma who later gave a bag of tokng rice to each successful donor at the end of the event as a token of



KCROA chairman Ma Tian Ho (fourth left) joins blood donors in a photo call.

appreciation. Also present at the event was officer-in-charge of Blood Bank Adriel Jimmy who supervised the blood donation process.



COPS DONATE BLOOD, SAVE LIVES

A total of 69 police personnel from the 10th Battalion General Operations Force (PGA) took part in a blood donation drive held in conjunction with the 25th Police Day. A team of medical personnel from Sibu Blood Bank Transfusion Services led by Dr Chang Shi Ya performed the task at PGA camp at Jalan Lanasang on Monday, March 28. Head of Company B of 10th PGA ASP Refendee Mohd Sait later gave away souvenirs to the blood transfusion team.