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Menara KL a big draw during the Games

MENARA Kuala Lumpur in Bukit Nanas has always been one of the most important attractions for visitors to the city. And during the 16th Commonwealth Games and school holidays, it could not have been more so.

Tower manager for marketing and sales Rozita Idris said there were many attractions including the Pahang at the Menara Kuala Lumpur carnival held in conjunction with Malaysia Fest.

She said the handicraft exhibition as well as handicraft-making demonstrations, including on the gasing Pahang (top) and perahu (boat) by Orang Asli from scenic Tasik Bera, never failed to pull the crowd.

Rozita said the Pahang fair was brought by the Fraser's Hill Development Corporation and would be on until Saturday.

She said in conjunction with the school holidays there was Fiesta Sukaneka Menara where children took part in contests like blow and pop the balloon and button badge fishing contest.

"We had earlier taken part in the Baton Run (Queen's Relay) on Sept 9 while we hosted the Commonwealth Cultural Festival Kuala Lumpur '98 at the tower's amphitheatre.

"In conjunction with the Games, we are selling limited edition commemorative tickets for RM40. The tickets depict the various events and Wira, the Games mascot. It includes one free ticket to go up the tower."

Rozita said those holding tickets to any of the Games events are entitled for a 25 per cent discount to go up the tower's observation deck. The offer is valid until Sept 30.

The 421-metre Menara Kuala Lumpur, the third tallest in the world and costing RM270 million to build, was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 2, 1996.

The tower is a joint venture project between Telekom Malaysia Bhd and Wayss & Freytag AG of Germany while Menara Kuala Lumpur Sdn Bhd was given the concession by the Government to plan, design, build, operate and manage the telecommunications, radio and broadcasting tower for 15 years.

The structure of the tower is divided into four basic sections - the foundation base (ground floor), the tourism floor (upper ground), the tower shaft and tower head (TH01-TH06).

On the tower head is the public observation platform, a revolving restaurant called Seri Angkasa, a McDonald's outlet, telecommunications stations for Telekom Malaysia and RTM stations.

Also on the tower head is the refuge area which is specifically designed for emergencies where tourists and service personnel can gather in case of an emergency to be taken down to safety.

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