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Car, motorcycle up for grabs in Malacca promo

MALACCA, Sun. - Starting Feb 19, foreign and local visitors to Malacca stand to win special prizes in a lucky draw to be held in December.

Chief Minister Datuk Wira Mohamed Ali Rustam said today the lucky foreign tourist would win a Proton Wira car while the local tourist would get a Modenas Jaguh motorcycle. Both prizes have been donated by DRB-Hicom.

All the tourist has to do is visit the Culture Museum in Bandar Hilir to get a lucky number at the counter at the museum's entrance.

The lucky draw in December will be held in conjunction with the "Visiting Malacca Means Visiting Malaysia" campaign organised by the state government.

It is part of the promotion to lure more tourists to the state, he told reporters after an Aidilfitri gathering organised by Balai Islam and the Melaka Islamic Brotherhood Welfare Body (Bakpis), here.

He said tourists could also get certificates acknowledging their visit to Malacca at the museum counter at RM1 each.

He added that visitors to the Malacca Tourism Festival, to be launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad at the KLCC in Kuala Lumpur on Feb 18, also stood a chance to win prizes in daily lucky draws.

The prizes included foodstuff, free accommodation at hotels and resorts in Malacca and several Modenas Kris motorcycles, he said.

Forums, conventions, cultural shows and an exhibition of Malacca traditional cuisine would also be held at the six-day festival.

Mohamed Ali also said that the State is seeking RM3 million from the Housing and Local Government Ministry, and the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry to plant more trees, in a bid to make Malacca more beautiful and colourful.

He said it was necessary to beautify the city as the State is hosting a tourism fair this year.

"We have begun planting royal palm trees between Ayer Keroh and Jalan Bendahara and there are plans to plant kelapa mawar and other trees from Semabok to Cheng along Jalan Tun Razak," he said, adding that the exercise would cost RM200,000.

At present, he added, the Malacca Municipal Council only received RM900,000 from the Housing and Local Government Ministry every year.

The Chief Minister added that an additional RM2.1 million was needed if the State was to plant more trees along its coastal highways and major roads which were being constructed.

He also invited members of the public to write in to suggest the type of trees they felt suitable to be planted.

He said the council had also been asked to construct open-air fruit stalls near the Ayer Keroh post office.

Mohd Ali said a 1.2 ha plot of land had been allocated for this purpose and the stalls were scheduled for completion in March.

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