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Moving, roaring dinosaurs!

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DINOSAURS larger than life! Menacing, towering, intimidating. And they are all there at Pesta Pulau Pinang 2001 beginning today.

This holiday attraction is the brainwave of entrepreneur Jared Chew, who is now known as the Dinosaur Cowboy. Chew is the creator of Dinosaurs Alive!, an exhibition that first took off in May at the Summit shopping complex in USJ, Subang Jaya, which was launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad.

So encouraged was Chew by the response - it attracted more than 600,000 people - that he has a similar exhibition at the X'tra Supermarket carpark lot in Johor Baru.

The Hollywood-styled theme park billed as the Pesta Pulau Pinang Dinosaurs Alive! Megashow 2001 is replete with state-of-the-art technology. Penang's funfair grounds has been given a facelift thanks to Chew.

"The first ever animatronically-enhanced Spinosaurus will be unveiled here. This US\$500,000 (RM1.9 million) creature is the one and only in the world!

"What you see in the Jurassic Park movies are all computer-generated images. They build one side of the dinosaur, shoot it on film, then place the image in the computer and work on making it move and roar through computer graphics. But the one we have at the megashow is a fully built animal with built-in robotics. It moves and roars on its own."

The megashow will also feature other record-breaking feats in Malaysia, apart from Spinosaurus, like the first ever made-in-Malaysia dinosaurs and the biggest ever animatronics show held in this country.

Chew will also be replacing the Dinosaurs Alive! show at the Summit with a theme park called "Myths and Legends" showcasing dragons and dungeons, sea dinosaurs and prehistoric creatures like the mammoth. This show is slated to open officially at the end of November.

What awaits you at the Pesta Pulau Pinang Dinosaurs Alive! Megashow 2001: