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Paya Indah Wetlands celebrates

PAYA Indah Wetlands is celebrating its first anniversary with a big three-day carnival beginning Oct 11.

The traditional cake-cutting will only take place on Oct 13 which will have Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad present. He will also be handing over three units of electric trams courtesy of Tenaga Nasional to the park. The trams will be the park's latest feature for visitors' added comfort.

The bash will have a host of exciting games and activities such as games, street soccer, beach volleyball, hot air balloon rides, sports kite-flying, fishing, face painting and sand art.

Malaysian Wetlands Foundation director of business information and learning Shereen Chan said entry fee would be waived for the duration of the carnival.

"Visitors just need to get a coupon worth RM20 each to purchase food and beverage or to participate in games and activities," she said in a Press conference recently.

To add festivity to the celebration, exciting prizes will be up for grabs while a group of clowns, stilt walkers and jugglers will be at hand to entertain visitors.

"There will also be an exhibition by government agencies, non-governmental organisations and private corporations," she said.

Other events include demonstrations of traditional handicraft like mengkuang and rattan weaving and batik painting, fire-fighting, martial arts and sun spot observation. The carnival will end with a cross country run with some 1,500 participants.

Paya Indah, about 45 minutes from the heart of Kuala Lumpur, is Malaysia's premier wetlands park, housing fascinating flora and fauna. It also offers exciting activities like cycling, kayaking and fishing.

For more information on the carnival, call Hanim Shukor at the communications and promotions department of Paya Indah Wetlands at 03-87687699, email mwf@mwf.nasionet.net or visit website www.payaindah.org.my.