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## Attractions galore at wetlands' first anniversary carnival bash

DENKIL, Fri. - The Paya Indah Wetlands First Anniversary Carnival which began today drew droves of students on school visits.

Among the crowd-pullers were animals brought in specifically to mark the occasion.

Roaming the grounds were seven-month-old Dermmy, the tiger cub and Tini the six-year-old orang utan, who were accompanied by their trainers from the Malacca Zoo.

The animals were in a generous mood, allowing children to pet and stroke them, while many among the less daring audience watched with curious eyes.

Elsewhere within the wetlands, Mein Thorn Pian, the 28 year-old elephant received a cold shower courtesy of the gentlemen of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport Fire and Rescue department.

Meanwhile, Roger and Charlie the clowns were also at the carnival amusing little children with their wacky antics and persuading the children to have their faces painted as well. These attractions were only a glimpse of the three-day carnival's offerings, which included hot air balloon rides, horse rides and a barbeque cookout.

In conjunction with today's opening, Hasjuara (M) Sdn Bhd presented RM10,000 worth of coupons to five schools and the Rumah Anak Yatim/Miskin Kuala Langat orphanage.

The wetlands' anniversary is this Sunday (Oct 13) and throughout the carnival, entrance to the wetlands will be free of charge. However, visitors will need to purchase coupon books to spend on activities and meals.

Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to make a trip to the wetlands on Sunday. He will witness the handing over of a pair of Manchurian cranes, donated by the Chinese Government.

The Paya Indah Wetlands Cross Country Run 2002 will be flagged off this Sunday as well with participants making a 10 kilometre run across the grounds.