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Paya Indah to mark anniversary with carnival

PETALING JAYA, Sat. - The Paya Indah Wetlands will hold a three-day carnival in conjunction with its first anniversary beginning Oct 11.

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 will be held during the carnival.

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

"All visitors need to do is to get a coupon worth RM20 each to purchase food and beverage or to participate in games and activities.

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

A wide variety of exciting prizes also await visitors in lucky draws.

A group of clowns, stilt walkers and jugglers will also be present to entertain visitors.

Demonstrations of traditional handicraft like mengkuang and rattan weaving and batik painting will also be held.

Other events include a fire fighting demonstration, martial arts and sun spot observation.

Paya Indah, about 45 minutes from the heart of Kuala Lumpur, is Malaysia's premier tourism park which houses fascinating flora and fauna.

It also offers exciting activities like cycling, kayaking and fishing.

A cross country run will be held on Oct 13 with some 1,500 runners.

The official opening ceremony will be held later in the day and Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is expected to grace the event.

A fishing competition has been organised for the media on Oct 5.

Chan said the competition is to introduce fishing in the wetlands and to thank the media for their support and encouragement.

For further information on the carnival, contact Hanim Shukor at the communications and promotions department of Paya Indah Wetlands at tel 03-87687699, fax 03-87687703, e-mail is [mwf@mwf.nasionet.net](mailto:mwf@mwf.nasionet.net) or visit the website at [www.payaindah.org.my](http://www.payaindah.org.my).