

Malaysia is recognised as top travel destination, minister says
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RAUB, Jan 29 — Tourism Minister, Datuk Seri Ng Yen Yen announced that Malaysia has been ranked as one of the top travel destinations at a Chinese New Year gathering in Raub, Pahang. The minister informed that the tourism industry has promoted Malaysia well abroad, and is now the fifth largest contributor to national revenue.

According to a Bernama Online report, Datuk Seri Ng (picture) sighted reports by a low-cost travel portal, STA United Kingdom which ranked Malaysia as a 'value for money' travel destination, and Lonely Planet which has named Malaysia as one of the ten countries good to visit. The minister also told reporters that Malaysia was ranked the ninth position by United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) for tourist arrivals.

Datuk Seri Ng, who is also the Member of Parliament for Raub stated that Pahang is a popular tourist destination as the state is blessed with unspoilt natural environment and peaceful surroundings. She explained that the state recorded 9.3 million tourist arrivals out of which Raub has managed to register a total of 91,868 arrivals.

The Minister explained that Raub Lake Gardens, Frasaer's Hills, the Jarum Waterfalls, and the Bes Rapids are the main attractions to tourists visiting Raub.

Datuk Seri Ng explained that a total RM40.27 million is allocated to Pahang under the 10th Malaysia Pland for state-wide projects to promote tourism to the state.

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