

**RWMF 2012 Contributes RM37 Million In Economic Spin-Offs**  
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KUCHING, Aug 9 (Bernama) -- The recent Rainforest World Music Festival (RWMF) 2012, which was again a resounding success, contributed an estimated RM37 million in spin-offs to the local economy, said Sarawak Tourism Board (STB) chief executive officer Datuk Rashid Khan.

He said 65 per cent of the total 22,290 people who attended the RWMF 2012 at the Sarawak Cultural Village, near here, last month were non-Sarawakians.

"In line with its international stature, RWMF also carried out its greening of the festival, through a tree-planting ceremony at Damai Central and the use of environmentally-friendly products at the venue.

"It also continued the internship and volunteer initiative as part of an industry advisory platform to enhance the quality of graduates who will be relevant to the industry's need," he said in a statement issued after the breaking-of-fast hosted by STB for the media, here, last night.

Rashid said STB aimed to have 70 per cent of students participating in future programmes from outside Sarawak as another step towards bringing the festival to the international stage, with students from as far as Holland, France, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur assisting this year.

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