

Semadang Tagang Festival 2017

KUCHING: The only festival of its kind in the country - the third edition of Semadang Tagang Festival 2017 will kick start with music and dance this evening (28 July), starting at 8.00 pm and ends at midnight.

The festival, which is first of its kind in the country is jointly organised by Kampung Semadang Development and Security Committee, the Department of Agriculture Sarawak and Kampung Semadang Tagang System Committee and will take place from 28 to 30 July at Kampung Semadang, Jalan Puncak Borneo, 40 kilometers here.

"The three-day festival is packed with many interesting activities which festival goers will definitely enjoy participating," said the festival director Robert Kenneth.

He said the fishing competition on Saturday (July 29) starting at 10 am to 1.30 pm is expected to attract more than 300 participants including foreign participants from China, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, Mauritius and also from West Malaysia and Sabah.

Robert said, the this year the fishing competition is divided into two categories - Local Anglers Category and the Tourists/Media Category, offering total cash prizes of RM3,000 besides trophies to the winners.

"In the evening will be the Miss Tagang Beauty Pageant featuring 12 contestants who are winners of other beauty pageants held around Kuching, Samarahan, Bau, Serian and Sri

Aman," said Robert.

He said the beauty pageant offer RM1,000 cash prizes, RM5,000 scholarship from UCSI University, a pewter trophy, sash and crown.

The first runner-up winner will receive RM700 cash, RM3,000 worth of scholarship from UCSI University, a pewter trophy, sash and crown, while second runner up will win RM500 cash, RM2,000 worth of scholarship sponsored by UCSI University, a pewter trophy, sash and crown, he added.

"The evening will also feature several local singers including former Bintang RTM champion Felicia Gek and a Iban singer Angela Martin," he said.

On Sunday, starting at 10.00 am the activities will be at the Semadang River where bamboo rafting and kayak race will be held.

State Assistant Transport Minister, who is State Assemblyman for Mambong Datuk Dr Jerip Susil will officiate at the opening.

Robert said festival also received the support of the of Tourism and Culture Malaysia, Sarawak Tourism, Arts, Culture, Youth and Sports Ministry as well as several other government agencies and companies.

"This year's festival is going to held in a larger scale and will be celebrated with various activities such as fishing competition, Miss Tagang beauty contest, cooking competition, bamboo rafting, kayak race, music and dance, food bazaar, exhibitions and games for children," said Robert.