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## 1,742,468 TOURISTS IN FEBRUARY 2008

Kuala Lumpur – A total of **1,742,468** tourists visited Malaysia in **February 2008**, an increase of **5.5%** compared to the same month in 2007.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to February 2008** were **3,522,602**, representing an increase of **4.4%** compared to 3,373,790 for the same period in 2007.

**Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (February 2007 and 2008)**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007</b>	<b>TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008</b>	<b>CHANGE %</b>
FEBRUARY	1,652,004	1,742,468	5.5

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

**Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January – February 2007 and 2008)**

<b>MONTHS</b>	<b>TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007</b>	<b>TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008</b>	<b>CHANGE %</b>
JANUARY – FEBRUARY	3,373,790	3,522,602	4.4

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

**Singapore** maintains its position as the biggest tourist generating market for Malaysia with 877,078 Singaporeans visiting the country in February 2008. Others in the top ten list are **Indonesia** (145,462), **Thailand** (126,451), **China** (99,599), **Brunei** (67,181), **India** (38,664), **Japan** (37,395), **United Kingdom** (33,438), **Australia** (28,443) and **the Philippines** (27,759).

Most major markets also recorded double digit growth in the month of February 2008. They are Australia (40.4%), South Korea (33.2%), United Kingdom (32.0%), China (31.5%), India (31.2%), Indonesia (26.0%) and Japan (23.1%).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to February 2008** were **Singapore** (1,738,093), **Indonesia** (325,310), **Thailand** (235,181), **China** (172,832), **Brunei** (144,729), **India** (77,058), **Japan** (71,641), **Australia** (67,311), **United Kingdom** (62,162) and **South Korea** (52,819).

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