



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **1MALAYSIA YEAR END SALE 2011**

In Malaysia, the year is not complete without the 1Malaysia Year End Sale (1MYES). This year, the annual shopping event will be held from 15 November 2011 to 1 January 2012.

Organised by the Ministry of Tourism, the MYES 2011 Johor state level launch was officiated by the Honourable Deputy Minister of Tourism Malaysia, YB Dato' Dr. James Dawos Mamit on 19 November 2011 at KSL Shopping Complex.

One of three major shopping seasons in Malaysia, 1MYES is the end-of-year shopping event that wraps up the year with a bang. The other two being the 1Malaysia GP Sale that coincides with the Formula One Grand Prix in KL and the 1Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival during the summer holidays.

#### **EVENTS, PROMOTIONS & ACTIVITIES DURING THE MYES 2011:**

This year, the seven-week long 1MYES campaign promises an interesting line-up of fashion-related events and entertainments, as well as nationwide shopping promotions.

#### **THE JOHOR PREMIUM OUTLETS**

Johor Premium Outlets (JPO), South-East Asia's first Premium Outlet Centre, is set to open on 11 December this year with more than 80 stores. However, shopaholics will be able to have a sneak preview of this outdoor shopping mall from 2 to 10 November between 10 am and 10 pm.

This upscale outlet is strategically located at the intersection of the North-South Expressway and the Second Link Expressway in Johor. It is the 70<sup>th</sup> outlet centre in the Premium Outlet portfolio - one of the world's largest collections of upscale centres.

## **CHRISTMAS MAGIC IS ON!**

Malls will be decked in full festivity to usher in the Christmas celebrations. Look out for giant Christmas trees, carousels, Santa Claus, carolling performances and holiday shows.

## **NEW YEAR COUNTDOWN ON 31 DEC**

Welcome the New Year with free concerts, live music deejays, hotel packages, gala dinners and a firework spectacular at Bukit Bintang and KLCC in Kuala Lumpur, Straits Quay Seri Tanjung in Penang and The ZON in Johor Bahru.

## **1MYES MY FAVOURITE MALL CONTEST**

Apart from admiring the seasonal décor of the numerous malls, the public also has the opportunity to participate in the 1MYES Favourite Mall Contest to vote for their favourite mall. They can cast their vote at [www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my](http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my) from 21 Nov 2011 to 1 Jan 2012 and stand a chance to win attractive weekly prizes of travel vouchers. The most popular mall will win prizes too!

## **KL FASHION WEEKEND**

KL Fashion Weekend, an event supported by Tourism Malaysia will be held on 18 and 19 November 2011 at the Boulevard, Publika Shopping Gallery at Solaris Dutamas, Kuala Lumpur.

The two-day fashion showcase will present a total of six fashion shows featuring new trends for hair, make-up and fashion from the Autumn-Winter 2011/2012 collection. The participating departmental stores will also offer a minimum of 25% discount on sale collections. Participating departmental stores will offer a minimum of 25% discount on sale collections. Some of the stores showcasing their work are Debenhams, Parkson, Tangs, Metrojaya and Publika.

This inaugural event will end with an exclusive show by KL Alta Moda which will feature leading Malaysian designers such as Albert King, Faisal Abdullah of Jendela KL, Datuk Radzuan Radziwill and Khoon Hooi. A group of British fashion designers will also showcase their Spring/Summer 2012 collection.

The show is open to the public; for more information and to register for free seats, log onto [www.klfashionweekend.com](http://www.klfashionweekend.com). Walk in guests are required to turn up an hour before the show.

## UNITED BUDDY BEAR WORLD TOUR

For the first time in Southeast Asia, the United Buddy Bear art exhibition - comprising 148 life-size fibreglass bear sculptures originally developed in Berlin, Germany - will be exhibited at the Bukit Bintang Entrance of Pavilion KL. Each bear is hand-painted skillfully in a variety of unique designs and represent countries acknowledged by the United Nations, bringing a message of peace and tolerance.

## YTL CONCERT OF CELEBRATION 2011 WITH JULIO IGLESIAS 1/12/11

Legendary crooner Julio Iglesias will be in Kuala Lumpur to entertain 1,800 specially invited guests. Log onto [www.starhillgallery.com](http://www.starhillgallery.com) and answer a few simple questions to win free tickets, or watch the show online via the YES website. Patrons of Jalan Bukit Bintang are also able to enjoy the concert from surrounding buildings like Pavilion KL, Grand Millenium Hotel, Fahrenheit 88 etc.

## CONTRIBUTION OF SHOPPING ACTIVITY TO ECONOMY

As a sub-sector or segment of the tourism industry, the shopping industry has a significant role to play in the economy.

As it is, shopping holds the second biggest share of tourist expenditures after accommodation, with its contribution of **RM16.2 billion** in **2010** compared to **RM15.1 billion** in **2009**, signifying an increase of **7.4%**. It constituted about **28.7%** of total tourist expenditures in 2010 compared to **28.3%** in 2009.

In **2000**, when the first Malaysia Mega Sale Carnival was organised, shopping only constituted **23.1% of total tourist expenditures**.

Beginning 1 January this year, the Malaysian government had waived import duties on more than 300 goods in an effort to enhance Malaysia's position as a duty-free shopping destination. The tax is waived to attract a wider range of principal brands to invest in Malaysia and in doing so, add variety to the product choice on the market.

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