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CHARTER FLIGHTS TO MALAYSIA DURING CHINESE NEW YEAR 2008

In conjunction with the celebration of Chinese New Year 2008, Malaysia received 35 charter flights from China, Hong Kong and Taiwan from 5 – 14 February 2008 which carry more than 5,000 holiday-makers. The points of origin in China are Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Guilin, Hangzhou, Kunming, Nanjing, Shenyang, and Shanghai.

Among the Malaysian destinations for the charter flights are Kuala Lumpur, Melaka, Penang, Langkawi, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching and Pangkor Island.

For the period from January to November 2007, a total of 616,884 tourists from China visited the country. This signifies a 60.4 per cent increase compared to the corresponding period in 2006.

The same period (Jan-Nov 2007) also recorded a total of 187,285 Taiwanese tourists to Malaysia compared to 166,677 tourists (a 12.4 per cent increase), while tourists from Hong Kong grew by 4.8 per cent, from 83,373 to 87,383.

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