

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

16 July 2009

Contact: Mazita Johari

Tel: 603 2615 8442

Fax: 603 2615 8299

Email: mazita@tourism.gov.my

11.3 MILLION TOURIST ARRIVALS FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2009

Malaysia recorded a total of **2,108,328** tourist arrivals for the month of June **2009**. It represented an increase of **7.5%** from 1,961,355 tourist arrivals for the same month in 2008.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to June 2009** were **11,346,444**, representing an increase of **3.5%** compared to 10,963,120 for the same period in 2008.

Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (June 2008 and 2009)

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JUNE	1,961,355	2,108,328	7.5

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January – June 2008 and 2009)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2008	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2009	CHANGE %
JANUARY – JUNE	10,963,120	11,346,444	3.5

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The top ten tourist generating markets for June 2009 were **Singapore** (1,222,096), **Indonesia** (215,948), **Thailand** (107,526), **Brunei** (107,083), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (58,351), **India** (57,603), **Australia** (39,536), **the Philippines** (37,701), **the United Kingdom** (32,962) and **Japan** (25,924).

For the same month, double-digit growth was recorded for tourist arrivals from Iran (94.2%), Netherlands (65.5%), Canada (51.7%), France (51.7%), the United Kingdom (40.6%), New Zealand (33.4%), Cambodia (32.7%), Russia (31.6%), Germany (28.1%), Singapore (25.1%), Australia (24.9%), Myanmar (22.8%), Laos (21.3%), Norway (21.1%), Finland (20.1%), Italy (17.5%), Switzerland (17.5%), the Philippines (13.5%), Sweden (12.9%), and Vietnam (12.3%).

However, tourist arrivals from Thailand recorded a decline of 25.4% due to the political unrest in southern Thailand. Other markets that have also registered a decline in June 2009 were Saudi Arabia (-46.4%), UAE (-36.6%), Japan (-22.9%), China (including Hong Kong & Macau) (-20.5%), South Korea (-16.8%), and Taiwan (-15.3%). It was due to the global economic crisis, as well as the effect of Influenza A (H1N1).

The top ten tourist generating markets from **January to June 2009** were: **Singapore** (6,139,965), **Indonesia** (1,126,681), **Thailand** (734,115), **Brunei** (567,172), **China (including Hong Kong & Macau)** (466,685), **India** (289,184), **Australia** (230,117), **the Philippines** (224,498), **the United Kingdom** (202,720) and **Japan** (183,222).

For more information, please visit Tourism Malaysia's online Facts and Figures at http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my/corporate/research.asp?page=facts_figures.

MALAYSIA TOURISM PROMOTION BOARD

(MINISTRY OF TOURISM, MALAYSIA)

Menara Dato' Onn, Putra World Trade Centre, 45 Jalan Tun Ismail, 50480 Kuala Lumpur
P.O. Box 10328, 50710 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. TEL : 03-2615 8188. FAX : 03-2693 5884
EMAIL : enquiries@tourism.gov.my WEBSITE: www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my