



MEDIA RELEASE

SEPTEMBER ARRIVALS REMAIN HIGH

During the month of September 2007, Malaysia recorded a total of 1,601,016 tourists, an increase of 15.6% compared to the same month in 2006.

Cumulatively, tourist arrivals recorded from **January to September 2007** were **15,648,292**, representing an **increase of 21.3%** compared to 12,903,178 in 2006.

Table 1: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (September 2006 and 2007)

MONTH	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2006	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	CHANGE %
SEPTEMBER	1,384,890	1,601,016	15.6

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

Table 2: Comparison of tourist arrivals to Malaysia (January – September 2006 and 2007)

MONTHS	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2006	TOURIST ARRIVALS 2007	CHANGE %
JANUARY – SEPTEMBER	12,903,178	15,648,292	21.3

Source: Immigration Department of Malaysia

The **top ten** tourist generating markets for September 2007 were **Singapore** (816,776), **Indonesia** (124,132), **Thailand** (121,617), **Brunei** (104,275), **China** (57,958), **Japan** (30,721), **India** (30,227), **Australia** (27,108), **United Kingdom** (21,605) and **the Philippines** (21,328).

September 2007 also saw most markets recording double digit growth in arrivals compared to the same month in 2006. Poland recorded the highest growth of 370.5%, followed by Russia (93.2%), Vietnam (64.1%), France (48.3%), the Philippines (43.8%) and India (40.4%).

Double digit growth was also recorded for arrivals from Switzerland (38.9%), Indonesia (38.0%), China (37.8%), Turkey (31.1%), Canada (29.8%), Thailand (25.9%), Brunei (25.7%), New Zealand (24.6%), the Netherlands (23.7%), Germany (23.3%), West Asia (21.7%), the United States (17.3%), Australia (16.9%) and Cambodia (11.6%).

For more information, please log on to Tourism Malaysia's online Media Centre at http://www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my/tourismbiz/media_centre/ and click on "Facts and Figures."

Issued by: Advertising & Publicity Division, Tourism Malaysia

Date: 29 November 2007

For more information, please contact Rasidah Salleh at rasidah@tourism.gov.my

Tel: +603 2615 8188; Fax: +603 2692 4563

Website: www.tourismmalaysia.gov.my
