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***Malaysia bags 3 top honours at
Travel + Leisure, India's Best Awards 2013***



***Mr Manoharan Periasamy, Director, Tourism Malaysia (in the Centre)
with The Best Green Destination (World) 2013 award***

April 1, New Delhi: Malaysia bagged ***The Best Green Destination (World) 2013*** award, Langkawi picked up the ***Best Honeymoon Destination Runners up*** award and Kuala Lumpur International Airport (KLIA) was announced the ***Best Airport (World) Runners up*** at the Travel + Leisure India's Best Awards at a glittering event held in New Delhi recently. Hosted by the world's leading travel and lifestyle magazine, this is Malaysia's second consecutive win in the Best Green destination. The magazine had conducted a nation wide poll amongst its readers to choose the final winners.

Speaking of the win, Mr Manoharan Periasamy, Director, Tourism Malaysia said, "We are honoured to have been conferred this recognition. Natural beauty and rainforests are



synonymous with Malaysia and to be recognized for this motivates us to intensify our efforts to position Malaysia as a leading eco-tourism destination to our guests.”

About Langkawi Mr Periasamy said, “Langkawi is one of the most popular destinations among Indians. Over the past few years, we have seen that it’s becoming a favourite among wedding planners and honeymooners too.” Along with easy accessibility, Langkawi offers you a stunning location making it a dream wedding destination, he added. Langkawi Island which is located in the northern part of the Peninsular Malaysia has also been recognised by UNESCO as a Geopark, a title given to outstanding geological landscapes in the world. The island is the only Geopark in the Southeast Asia and one of 50 around the world.

The Travel + Leisure awards is a significant achievement for Malaysia, a country that prides itself for its natural attractions and diverse offerings. Towering skyscrapers look down upon wooden houses built on stilts while five-star hotels sit just metres away from ancient reefs. Rugged mountains reach dramatically for the sky while their rainforest-clad slopes sweep down to floodplains teeming with forest life. Wildlife reserves, national parks, serene islands, picturesque views, exhilarating adventure, shopping in world-class malls or cooling your feet in the serene islands, Malaysia has something for everyone.

So whether it is an adventure holiday you seek or a romantic one, Malaysia is where you should head. The readers of Travel + Leisure will vouch for this.

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*Malaysia is celebrating its fourth **VISIT MALAYSIA YEAR (VMY)** in 2014 with the theme “Celebrating 1Malaysia Truly Asia”. The VMY 2014 promotional campaign has started in 2013 with a series of year-long special events and activities leading to VMY 2014. It will contribute*



to the Government's target to receive 36 million tourist arrivals and RM168 billion in receipts by 2020, as outlined in the Malaysia Tourism Transformation Plan (MTTP) 2020.

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