



## MEDIA INFO

### WORLD DRUMS FESTIVAL 2007

The World Drums Festival 2007, a colossal cultural show with a variety of percussion and drum music from all over the world, will be held from 27 until 31 December 2007 in Kuala Lumpur. The Hon. Datuk Seri Tengku Adnan Tengku Mansor, Minister of Tourism, Malaysia, will launch the grand opening ceremony of the World Drums Festival 2007 at Dataran Merdeka, Kuala Lumpur on 29 December, 8.00pm.

Held for the first time in Malaysia, the World Drums Festival will presents a variety of percussion and drum music from seven participating countries, namely Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Singapore and Malaysia. Themed 'Beat The World', this festival gathers the best percussionists and dancers to perform the world's most basic instrument against a backdrop of the historical Independence Square of Malaysia.

Being one of the major events held in conjunction with the Visit Malaysia Year 2007, World Drums Festival will assemble a wide range of artists brandishing traditional instruments from their homelands and contemporary drum music performance. Admission is free.

The festival will kick-off with pocket shows, first at Sungai Wang Plaza on 27 December (from 4.00pm to 6.00pm) followed by Central Market (from 8.00pm to 10.30pm) on the same day and at Berjaya Times Square on 28 December (from 4.00pm to 7.00pm).

Details of the performing groups:

- a) Japan – KOTTSU (12 members)
- b) Indonesia – Enggar & Associates (18 members)
- c) Thailand – Pathun Thani School (20 members)
- d) Sri Lanka – The Trinity Collage, Kandy (11 members)
- e) Vietnam – Thang Long Opera House (20 members)
- f) Singapore – Rhythm of Masala (7 members)
- g) Malaysia – Diplomat of Drum (12 members)
- h) Malaysia – YAWA Eco Drums Circle (12 members)

Event schedule:

| <b>Date</b>          | <b>Venue</b>         | <b>Time and performing groups</b>  |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 27/12/07<br>Thursday | Sungai Wang Plaza    | <p><b>4.15pm – 4.45pm</b><br/>Japan – Shikatsu Daiko KOTTSU</p> <p><b>5.00pm – 5.30pm</b><br/>Sri Lanka – Traditional Drums, Music, Dance Troupe</p> <p><b>5.45pm – 6.15pm</b><br/>Malaysia – Diplomat of Drums</p>  |
| 27/12/07<br>Thursday | Central Market       | <p><b>7.00pm – 7.30pm</b><br/>Malaysia – YAWA Eco Drums Circle</p> <p><b>7.45pm – 8.15pm</b><br/>Thailand – Pathun Thani School</p> <p><b>8.30pm – 9.00pm</b><br/>Japan - Shikatsu Daiko KOTTSU</p> <p><b>9.15pm – 9.45pm</b><br/>Vietnam – Thong Long Opera House</p> <p><b>10.15pm – 10.45pm</b><br/>Indonesia – Enggar &amp; Associates</p> |
| 28/12/07<br>Friday   | Berjaya Times Square | <p><b>4.00pm – 4.30pm</b><br/>Malaysia – Diplomat of Drums</p>   |

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|                      |                 | <b>4.45pm – 5.15pm</b><br>Sri Lanka – Traditional Cultural Drums & Dance Troupe<br><br><b>5.30pm – 6.00pm</b><br>Malaysia – YAWA Eco Drums Circle |  |
| <b>GRAND SHOWS</b>   |                 |   |  |
| 29/12/07<br>Saturday | Dataran Merdeka | 8.00pm – 10.30pm  | <b>Official Grand Opening Ceremony</b> |
| 31/12/07<br>Monday   | Dataran Merdeka | 8.30pm – 12.30am  | <b>New Year Eve Countdown 2008</b>     |

Supported by the Ministry of Tourism, Malaysia Tourism Promotion Board and the Ministry of Culture, Arts and Heritage, the inaugural World Drums Festival 2007 is organized by Kilatan Unggul Travel & Tours Sdn Bhd in collaboration with the Kuala Lumpur City Hall, Kuala Lumpur Tourism Actions Council, AMbank Group and CIOFF Malaysia.

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