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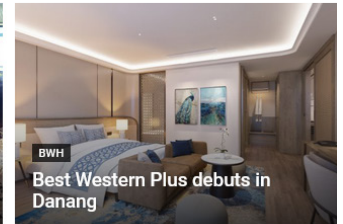
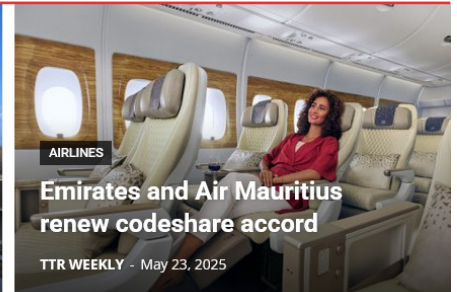
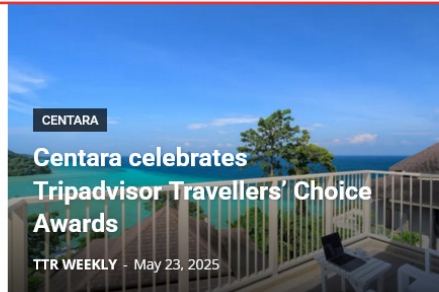
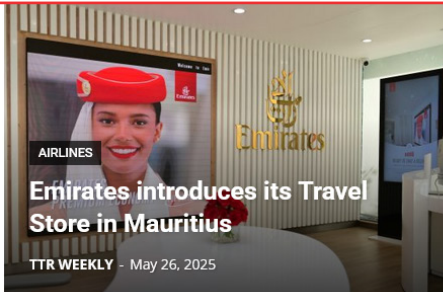
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Cathay Group enjoys an award-winning streak

The Cathay Group won 15 awards at the annual Customer Service Excellence Awards hosted by the Hong Kong Association for Customer Service Excellence (HKACE), held on 27 May.

The airline group took home the prestigious Grand Award...

Philippines Tourism Secretary submits resignation

Private sector stakeholders from the tourism industry have aired their support for Department of Tourism (DOT) Secretary Christina Garcia Frasco following the Philippines President's order for a midterm cabinet reset...

Resorts World Sentosa unveils Singapore Oceanarium

Resorts World Sentosa announced this week that Singapore Oceanarium — a transformation of the former SEA Aquarium — will officially open its doors to the public on 23 July 2025.

More than just a new name, Singapore Oceanarium...

KAL introduces new corporate identity

Korean Air introduced its new corporate identity last week, revealing a modernised version of its signature Taegeuk symbol — the first design change in 41 years.

The unveiling presentation convened at the airline's...

Sunway Group teams up with GHA

Sunway Hotels & Resorts, a diverse portfolio of hotels, resorts and integrated attractions across Southeast Asia, has joined Global Hotel Alliance (GHA), an alliance of like-minded independent hotel brands.

Effective mid-May 2025, all 11 of Sunway's hotels and resorts in Malaysia, Vietnam and Cambodia are part of GHA Discovery, the alliance's global...

PG net profit down 10% in Q12025

Bangkok Airways Plc has released its financial results for the first quarter of 2025, reporting a total revenue of THB7,821.30 million, a slight decrease of 0.1% year-on-year, and a net profit of THB 1,686.1 million, down 10%.

Passengers carried stood at 1.28 million, representing a 2.2% decrease compared...



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Kuching hosts 6th International Energy Week

Mark your calendars. From 15 to 17 July 2025, the Borneo Convention Centre Kuching (BCKK) will welcome delegates to the 6th International Energy Week (IEW) 2025, with the theme, "From Sarawak to the World: Journey to Clean Energy Leadership."

IEW, was represented at the press conference by Amelia Roziman, CEO of BESarawak, and Bibi Afiqah, Manager and Project Liaison.

IEW Exhibition

Over 400 companies from around the world will showcase innovations in renewable energy, hydrogen, energy efficiency, smart grids, carbon capture, utilisation, and storage (CCUS) technologies, as well as green infrastructure. There will be over 200 exhibition booths.

IEW Summit

On 15 and 16 July, the IEW Summit will feature 50 renowned speakers and over 400 delegates across 20 curated sessions. The programme will include a visionary dialogue with the Premier of Sarawak, ministerial forums on economic transformation and natural gas as a regional catalyst, and expert panels on ASEAN policy harmonisation, sustainable development, and energy innovation.

<https://businesseventssarawak.com>




This premier event will spotlight Sarawak's rise as a clean energy powerhouse in the Asia-Pacific region and accelerate the global clean energy transition towards a sustainable future.

During a press conference earlier this week, the Honourable Datuk Dr. Hazland Hipni Abang Hipni, Deputy Minister for Energy and Environmental Sustainability of Sarawak and Chairman of the IEW 2025 Organising Committee, stated that the event is expected to attract over 6,500 attendees from 25 countries.

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IMEX: TCEB unveils ‘3M’ for Business Events

The Thailand Convention and Exhibition Bureau (TCEB) launched its latest campaign, “Meet in Thailand: Your Success, Your Moment”, during a media presentation at IMEX Frankfurt 2025 last week.



Delivering “3M elements to generate higher value for events”, the presentation was led by TCEB Senior Vice President Puripan Bunnag.

“TCEB is always dedicated to making offerings that meet the shifting demands of the business world so that holding events in Thailand can deliver higher value, better return on investment and greater return on experiences.

“After working in partnership with our stakeholders to overcome economic challenges, we have finally crafted “Meet in Thailand, Your Success, Your Moment” that focuses on 3M elements — MaxiMICE, Meaningful, Memorable — to offer upgraded resources and new ingredients in Thailand that will define events in a new light”.

MaxiMICE invites clients to explore

and maximise new products and services or enhanced and upgraded offerings in Thailand. They range from improved accessibility due to increased flights, more capable and potential city destinations, new investment in properties, growth of unconventional venues, a larger pool of qualified MICE manpower and standard-certified enterprises, richer options of localised experiences to stronger government support.

Meaningful content under the framework of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) is partly derived from TCEB’s policy to advance the performance of the MICE industry. It offers clients the possibility



of making more purposeful events with measurable impacts. Thailand has developed low-carbon MICE routes; suppliers are certified by sustainable event management and professional bodies to design, audit and verify an event’s sustainable performances.

Memorable events are achievable with strong hospitality, adaptability, and wealthy cultural assets. Thailand delivers ‘return on experiences’ thanks to an extensive network of creative sector stakeholders and event designers who work with local communities.

Langkawi

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 ELS Club Teluk Datai

International yachts set course for Sabah

Kota Belud, known as the Land of the Cowboys of the East, is making its debut as a stopover in this year's Sail Malaysia Passage to the East, offering a fresh perspective for sailors exploring rural charm and cultural depth.

attractions from 18 July to 1 September.

New participating countries include Lebanon, Turkey, Kuwait, Tunisia, and India, reflecting the growing global interest in Malaysia's sailing route and Sabah's diverse

to improve infrastructure, with several new berthing areas, including in Tuaran, being identified to cater to increasing interest from international sailors

Joniston encouraged organisers to enhance collaboration with the Sabah Tourism Board to further promote the Sabah leg as a key highlight of the entire rally.

Joniston recently chaired a Sail Malaysia coordination meeting attended by the Eastern Sabah Security Command (ESSCOM) and key tourism stakeholders to ensure smooth operations and safety throughout the Sabah segment.

Sail Malaysia Managing Director Sazli Kamal Basha said the rally follows the familiar eastern route starting in Langkawi, with Sabah stops including Kota Kinabalu, Tuaran, Kudat, Lahad Datu, Kunak, Kinabatangan, Sandakan, Tawau and Semporna.

He noted that participants will also have the rare opportunity to sail inland along the Kinabatangan River, one of Sabah's most iconic wildlife corridors, known for its rich biodiversity and natural beauty.

Sazli said many sailors are drawn to Sabah for its natural beauty, safe harbours, and the warm welcome local communities offer.

Website: www.sabahtourism.com



Assistant Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister cum Sabah Tourism Board Chairman Datuk Joniston Bangkuai said Kota Belud's inclusion is a fitting addition to the rally as the district is known for its strong Bajau heritage, horse riding tradition and growing reputation in community-based tourism.

The annual yacht rally, which began in April, will arrive in Sabah this July with over 31 yachts and 70 participants from 15 countries scheduled to explore coastal and inland

tourism offerings.

Joniston, who serves as patron of Sail Malaysia Borneo, said the rally helps promote Sabah to international travellers and strengthens its position as a culture, adventure and nature destination.

He added that the inclusion of new countries and destinations like Kota Belud is a promising sign as Sabah builds momentum toward Visit Malaysia Year 2026.

Sabah's growing popularity as a yachting destination is also supported by ongoing efforts

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Centara celebrates Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Awards



Centara Hotels & Resorts, Thailand's leading hotel operator, proudly announces that 18 of its global properties have been recognised in the Tripadvisor Travellers' Choice Awards 2025, with four of these earning the prestigious "Best of the Best" distinction — a mark of excellence reserved for the top 1% of listings on Tripadvisor worldwide.

Among this year's 'Best of the Best' honourees, Centara Reserve Samui was recognised in both the Top and Luxury categories in Thailand, celebrating its elevated design, personalised experiences, and consistently outstanding guest reviews. Also in Thailand, the iconic Centara Grand Beach Resort & Villas Hua Hin was recognised in the same two

categories, reinforcing its position as one of the country's most cherished heritage beachfront resorts.

In Japan, the sleek and stylish Centara Grand Hotel Osaka also received double accolades in the Top and Luxury categories, reflecting its sophisticated urban appeal and impeccable service. Rounding out Centara's top-tier achievements is Centara Mirage Beach Resort Dubai, named "Best of the Best" in the Family-Friendly – World category — a recognition that not only highlights the resort's imaginative experiences for all ages but also reflects Centara's continued success in the Middle East, one of the world's most dynamic and increasingly in-demand travel destinations.

Additional Centara properties that received Travellers' Choice Awards this year include popular destinations in Thailand, the Maldives, and Laos, underscoring the brand's enduring appeal and commitment to delivering unparalleled guest experiences.

The Travellers' Choice Awards are based on a full year of reviews and ratings submitted by travellers worldwide. Properties honoured in the "Best of the Best" category represent a select group of hotels that consistently receive outstanding feedback and demonstrate the highest levels of guest satisfaction.

"We are incredibly honoured to see 18 Centara hotels and resorts recognised by Tripadvisor, with four properties achieving 'Best of the Best' status," said Thirayuth Chirathivat, Chief Executive Officer of Centara Hotels & Resorts. "This recognition is a true reflection of the passion and commitment shown by our team members across the globe, and we are deeply thankful to our guests whose voices and support have made this possible."

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