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All set to welcome visitors again

Major tourist spots in Klang Valley prioritise safety with capacity caps, regular cleaning

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OPERATORS of local attractions in Klang Valley are making all the necessary preparations to welcome visitors starting tomorrow.

This comes after Prime Minister Datuk Seri Ismail Sabri Yaakob's announcement last Wednesday that various tourist attractions such as zoos, plantations, aquariums, snorkelling, scuba diving, fishing tours and ecoparks would be allowed to reopen on Oct 1.

However, all workers and visitors will have to be fully vaccinated.

At Aquaria KLCC, signage and informational videos on safety, standard operating procedure (SOP) and physical distancing have been placed throughout the premises as a reminder to visitors to comply with the measures.

Aquaria KLCC general manager Daryl Foong said the team had continuously re-examined the SOP and improved on them.

"We have limited our daily visitor capacity to ensure adequate physical distancing.

"Our online time-slot booking system encourages visitors to book their visit with us, while the virtual queue system eliminates the need to queue.

"We have also cleaned and upgraded our air extractor and circulation systems with new purifying filters, deep cleaned the aquarium and continue with sanitisation routines.

"Ozone air sterilisers were also installed in key locations in the premises to further improve the air quality and hygiene.

"The entire premises is disinfected four times daily, with special attention given to high-contact touchpoints," he said.

Foong said additional measures to ensure the safety and comfort of visitors had been looked into.

"For example, the touch pools have been divided into individual spaces with acrylic barriers, so visitors can comfortably view the animals without worrying about physical



Zoo Negara employees Norasyikin Mohd Younos (left) and Nur Athirah Mohd Azmi preparing for the expected throng of visitors when the zoo reopens tomorrow.

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distancing," he added.

At Zoo Negara, staff were seen busy disinfecting the premises in anticipation of a huge crowd tomorrow.

Its deputy president Rosly@Rahmat Amat Lana said its team was eager to reopen the zoo to visitors after a temporary closure under Phase One of the National Recovery Plan since June.

"We are offering a 20% discount on the entrance ticket exclusively on Oct 1.

"The first 100 visitors tomorrow will be given free entrance to the zoo on weekdays from Jan 1 until March 31, 2022.

"We also offer a free ticket to frontliners and those celebrating their birthdays," he said.

Rosly said all the visitor facilities at the zoo were thoroughly sanitised.

"We work with the Fire and Rescue Department to disinfect common areas prior to the opening.

"Visitors should also check out some of the newer exhibits, such as the four ring-tailed lemur and king cheetah," he said, adding that the zoo capacity was capped at 6,000 visitors at a time.

For Menara Kuala Lumpur, being able to reopen on Oct 1 is a double celebration as it marks its 25th anniversary.

To commemorate its silver jubilee, Menara Kuala Lumpur is organising a series of activities from October to December.

There will be an anniversary giveaway, throwback and TikTok challenge as well as anniversary postage stamp to name a few.

"This anniversary celebration is our show of appreciation and thanks to visitors who



A worker cleaning the glass of an aquarium in Aquaria KLCC.

have supported us since 1996," said Menara Kuala Lumpur Sdn Bhd chief executive officer Ainol Shaharina Sahar in a media statement.

Menara Kuala Lumpur also assures visitors that its premises has undergone full sanitisation, while regular cleaning of public amenities will be conducted every 45 minutes daily.

Meanwhile, Petronas Twin Towers' visit operations has gone through stringent sanitising and disinfecting prior to its reopening tomorrow.

To welcome visitors back, the Twin Towers is offering a gift voucher for every purchase of an adult admission ticket to the Skybridge and observation deck, limited to two pieces per family.

Watch the video
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