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## Zoo lure at travel fair

The management of Zoo Negara promises a jungle at next month's MDTF, with plants, pythons and macaws, writes JOHN TIONG

**Z**oo Negara Malaysia is bringing a little part of its wildlife park to the Malaysia Domestic Tourism Fair's Hall Three in Putra World Trade Centre Kuala Lumpur from May 14 to 16.

"We will create a jungle setting with a waterfall, plants and trees and exhibit some animals such as pythons and macaws," says its director, Dr Mohamad Ngah.

Visitors will be allowed to take pictures with these animals for free and there's a 20 per cent discount on entrance tickets to the zoo.

As the zoo is also a place to learn about conservation work, its booth would be a very informative place for those keen to know more about nature conservation and the park's



Dr Mohamad urges visitors to check out Zoo Negara's offers at MDTF

classes and training on the subject.

Zoo Negara Malaysia, the size of about 50 international soccer fields, is only five kms from the KL city centre. It is 47 years old and is managed by Malaysian Zoological Society, a non-governmental organisation.

The zoo is well known for its huge collection of animals. There

are 5,137 animals of more than 450 species, many of which are endangered. "The animals are mostly kept in enclosures that reflect their natural habitats," says Dr Mohamad.

Visiting the zoo is a lot of fun as there are daily shows by sea lions, macaques, macaws and elephants. Visitors will get to even know how elephant nails are cleaned.

There is a restaurant, three cafes, a bee museum and a souvenir shop within the wildlife park.

It also caters to those who are looking for something different to hold personal or company functions, says Dr Mohamad, adding that the Savannah Walk — where the largest mix of animals are kept — has a scenic spot with an African setting that can accommo-



Feeding giraffes is a popular activity at the zoo

date up to 500 people.

Another area, the Bears, has a waterfall to enhance its green atmosphere and is ideal for small functions.

"Zoo Negara is also an open classroom for young minds to learn about and to nurture their interest and care for wildlife," says Dr Mohamad.

He hopes visitors to MDTF will take the opportunity to learn more about the zoo and get the best deal out of packages offered at the fair.

Zoo Negara in Hulu Krian, Selangor, is open daily from 9am to 5pm. For details, call 03-4108 3422/7/8 or email customerservice@zoonegara.org.my or visit www.zoonegara.org.my.

## New destinations and lots of prizes

**AFTER** its success in grossing RM1.8 million sales at the Matta Fair in March, Firefly is aiming to soar again at the two-day Malaysia Domestic Tourism Fair (MDTF) at the Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur from May 14.

"There will be more than 100 travel packages for both airfare and ground arrangements tailored for everybody," says its head of marketing and communications Angelina C. Fernandez.

Firefly will offer more new domestic destinations including routes served by Malaysia Airlines such as destinations in Sabah and Sarawak.

"Some of our packages will be very cost-efficient for groups. This will also cover ground travel. Some of our ground

Fernandez says Firefly is offering lots of prizes at the fair



packages are guaranteed as the lowest in price," she adds.

Prizes worth over RM250,000 in air tickets, hotels stays, spa treatments, meals and a wide range of merchandise are also up for grabs at the fair.

All buyers stand a chance to win a prize. Prizes are also given out through lucky dips and travel-themed games. Firefly's top draw will be its ATR Flight Simulator Challenge where every pilot wannabe can have a near real experience to fly a plane. Winners will get free tickets to various destinations.

"We'll be giving away tickets daily and the top 'pilot' of course gets the best ticket," says Fernandez.

Scenarios on the simulator include flying at the Ipoh Airport as well as landing. Coaching will be given by qualified pilots and marks will be given on how well participants manage their landings. Five minutes will be given for this challenge.

"As usual, we like to surprise our customers on site with more new things. We offer customers the best of the best," she says.

Firefly is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Malaysia Airlines and was introduced as a "community airline" on April 3, 2007. Its flights operate from Penang and Subang in Selangor.



Try out Firefly's ATR Flight Simulator Challenge and see if you have what it takes to be a pilot