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Sabah to reintroduce travel bubble for local tourism, says state minister

Sabah is ready to reintroduce the travel bubble concept for local tourism within the state following the relaxation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for fully vaccinated individuals, said Sabah Tourism, Culture and Environment Minister Datuk Jafry Arrifin.

He said the travel bubble would further allow locals to travel beyond their districts, but travel agencies and hotels need to get pre-approval from the COVID-19 Disaster Management Committee to participate in the programme.

According to him, all tours and stays must be pre-booked through registered travel agencies and hotels, which must adhere to the latest SOPs enforced by the federal National Security Council (MKN). [READ MORE](#)



H3C and MyKRIS join forces to assist the revival of Malaysia's hotel industry

H3C, a leader in digital solutions, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with MyKRIS Asia Sdn Bhd to assist Malaysian hotel operators in reducing their IT operation costs while the industry recovers from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The collaboration will see H3C as MyKRIS's main partner in providing hotel industry customers with the best network and wireless solutions. H3C will be providing the required infrastructure to enhance MyKRIS's internet services to benefit the local hotel industry.

The MoU signing ceremony is in conjunction with the launch of MyKRIS's Wireless Internet Service bundle, the MyKRIS 360, specifically curated for hotel members under the Malaysian Association of Hotels (MAH). [READ MORE](#)



Cross collaboration key to reviving domestic, healthcare tourism

The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted the tourism industry across the globe due to the resulting travel restrictions as well as the slump in demand among travellers.

Healthcare tourism, an industry that is heavily reliant on international travellers, is one of the segments hardest hit. For many nations, the sector is one of the key contributors to their economic growth.

Chief Executive Officer of Malaysia Healthcare Travel Council (MHTC) Mohd Daud Mohd Arif, said that it is the same case with Malaysia, as the healthcare tourism industry and its players mostly rely on international travellers. [READ MORE](#)



Shangri-La Group ready to welcome guests

The Shangri-La Group's seven hotels in Malaysia are going the extra mile to provide its staycation guests with added confidence now that intrastate tourism has resumed for states that have transitioned to Phase 2 of the National Recovery Plan.

The group said as part of its "Shangri-La Cares" commitment, one of its key priorities was a fully-vaccinated guest-facing workforce.

Additionally, guests and their loved ones staying at the group's seven hotels in Malaysia can enjoy personal accident coverage at no additional charge. [READ MORE](#)



Pan Pacific Hotels Group to open 13 properties by 2024

Pan Pacific Hotels Group has announced plans to expand globally, with 13 new properties expected in 10 cities by 2024.

The cities included in the expansion are Kuala Lumpur, Jakarta, Dalian, Hanoi, Phnom Penh and Siem Reap.

This will add over 3,300 rooms to the group's inventory and bring its portfolio to 48 hotels, resorts and serviced suites across 29 cities.

This news comes after the launch of Parkroyal Monash Melbourne in April, and the long-awaited opening of Pan Pacific London, the group's first property in Europe. [READ MORE](#)



Standard International Announces New Hotel Openings in 2021 and 2022

Amar Lalvani, CEO of Standard International (parent company of the Standard Hotels), has expressed optimism in the hospitality business amidst the ongoing challenges.

The latest additions to the company's growing portfolio, The Standard, Hua Hin, The Standard's first resort in Thailand, will open on 1 December 2021, followed by The Standard, Bangkok Mahanakhon, the brand's highly anticipated Asia flagship, which will open in 2022 and The Standard, Ibiza, slated to open in 2022.

These three new properties will kick off a series of 10 additional landmark projects in highly coveted markets around the world, including: Singapore, Melbourne, Lisbon, Dublin, Brussels and Las Vegas. [READ MORE](#)

