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(FOTO AHMAD IRHAM MOHD NOOR/BH)



Dari kiri, Musa, Isham dan Mohamaddin pada sidang media Prestasi Pelancongan Malaysia Suku Pertama 2019 di Putrajaya, semalam.

# Pelancong belanja RM21.4b suku pertama tahun ini

➔ Prestasi disumbang promosi berterusan di luar negara

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Putrajaya

Sektor pelancongan negara mencatatkan perkembangan positif bagi suku pertama tahun ini, dengan jumlah perbelanjaan pelancong meningkat 16.9 peratus, iaitu RM21.4 bilion, berbanding RM18.3 bilion bagi tempoh sama tahun lalu.

Menteri Pelancongan, Seni dan Budaya, Datuk Mohamaddin Ketapi, berkata prestasi itu disumbang oleh peningkatan jumlah pelancong dari Januari hingga Mac, iaitu sebanyak 6.7 juta pelancong, peningkatan 2.7 peratus berbanding 6.5 juta pelancong bagi tempoh sama tahun lalu.

"Dari segi perbelanjaan pelancong tertinggi mengikut jarak pasaran, bagi jarak dekat disumbangkan Singapura, iaitu sebanyak RM6.2 bilion, jarak sederhana oleh China, iaitu RM3.7 bilion dan jarak jauh oleh United Kingdom (UK), iaitu RM483.6 juta," katanya pada sidang media Prestasi Pelancongan Malaysia Suku Pertama 2019 di sini, semalam.

Yang turut hadir, Ketua Setiausaha Kementerian, Datuk Isham Ishak dan Ketua Pengarah Tourism Malaysia, Datuk Musa Yusof.

Mohamaddin berkata, perbelanjaan perkapita keseluruhan pelancong juga meningkat sebanyak 13.8 peratus, iaitu dari RM2,813.1 pada 2018 kepada RM3,201.8 pada 2019.

### Promosi berterusan

Katanya, prestasi membebankangkan itu adalah hasil daripada kempen dan promosi berterusan yang giat dilaksanakan Kementerian itu di luar negara, termasuk kerjasama dengan kerajaan negara terabit dan syarikat penerbangan.

"Ketibaan pelancong bagi jarak dekat meningkat 1.9

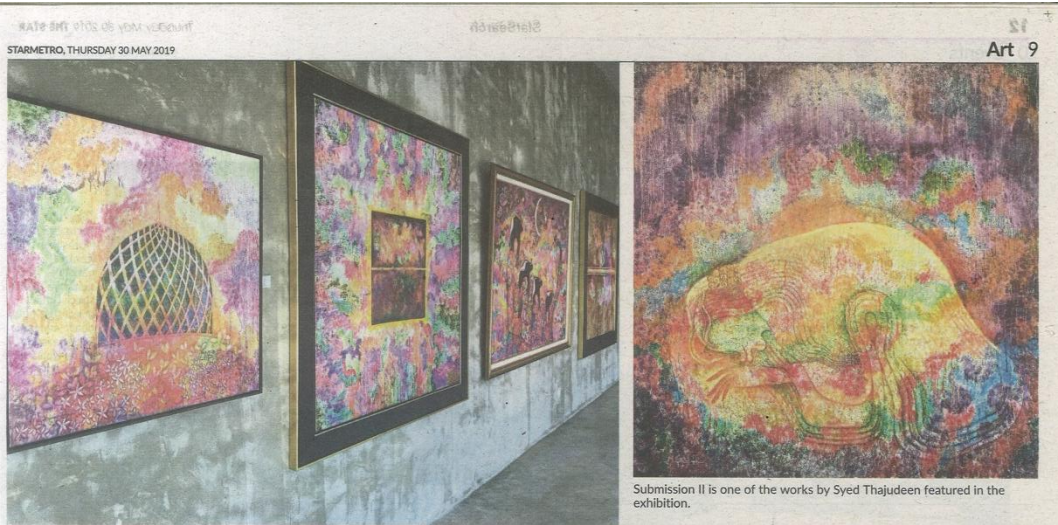
peratus, iaitu dari negara ASEAN seperti Indonesia, Thailand dan Vietnam, manakala bagi jarak sederhana meningkat 8.6 peratus dari negara seperti China, Korea, Jepun, India dan Pakistan.

### Sasar 28 juta pelancong

"Berdasarkan tren bagi suku pertama tahun ini, kita mampu mencapai sasaran 28 juta pelancong pada tahun ini dan hanya memerlukan tambahan dua juta pelancong lagi mencapai sasaran 30 juta pelancong pada 2020," katanya.

Sementara itu, ditanya sama ada krisis antara Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd (MAHB) dan AirAsia Group Bhd (AirAsia) akan memberi kesan kepada sektor pelancongan negara, Mohamaddin berkata, ia adalah masalah dalaman kedua-dua syarikat dan tidak akan menjejaskan industri pelancongan.

Berhubung penurunan jumlah pelancong dari Singapura sebanyak 1.5 peratus, Isham berkata, ia berpunca daripada masalah sistem imigresen di Tambak Johor dan ia dijangka selesai menjelang Oktober ini.



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A New Moon at the KL Lifestyle Art Space is featuring some 20 artworks by Nizar and Syed Thajudeen.

Submission II is one of the works by Syed Thajudeen featured in the exhibition.

## Inspired by new moon

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AN ART exhibition celebrating the holy month of Ramadan is ongoing at the KL Lifestyle Art Space (KLAS) featuring works by two prominent Malaysian artists.

"A New Moon" is a two-man show by artists Nizar Kamal Ariffin and Syed Thajudeen who are presenting some 20 artworks on how they view Ramadan.

KLAS founder Datuk Gary Thanasan said it was the first time the two artists would be collaborating to present the exhibition.

"It is also the first time that KLAS will be hosting a Ramadan-themed exhibition.

"It was a chance meeting with the two artists that sparked off the idea and in just a month and a half we managed to gather 10 artworks each, featuring new and existing

### Two artists present their take on Ramadan in exhibition

works, for the exhibition," he said. Pahang-born Nizar, is an abstract expressionist who expresses spirituality, freedom, faith and personal growth through intricately planned and structured lines.

The artist's Jawi Series invites viewers to experience his relationship with the Islamic religion through art.

Nizar is no stranger to using colours to express his feelings. The artist's earlier works in the Jawi Series show his penchant for metallic yet serene shades of yellow, pink and blue.

This year, Nizar has put a spin to it, updating his signature strokes

with striking standout colours for each of the paintings.

Syed Thajudeen is a figurative painter with a distinctive stylisation, portrayed through rich colours.

Dubbed a modern art romanticist, Syed Thajudeen has always been piqued by love, which is a running theme in his artistic repertoire.

The works of both painters can also be purchased, priced between RM10,000 and RM125,000.

The exhibition is on until June 5 at the KL Lifestyle Art Space, 31, Jalan Utara, Petaling Jaya. Admission is free. For details, call 03-7932 0668.



Several of Nizar's new and existing artworks can be viewed at the exhibition.