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Bye, bye, rubbish

Some 360 volunteers work two hours daily on alternate days to clean up the temporarily closed Cherok Tokun forest reserve in Bukit Mertajam before it is reopened on Dec 1. >3



Good riddance: Volunteers heaping the trash they collected at the Cherok Tokun forest reserve in Bukit Mertajam. — MUSTAFA AHMAD/The Star

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Horses to join 'lions' and 'dragons' in street parade

A HORSE carriage will be among some 30 teams taking part in the annual Penang Chingay, Lion and Dragon Dance parade on Dec 18.

State Tourism Development Committee chairman Danny Law Heng Kiang said the parade, which would start from 7pm to 11pm, would see Chingay, lion dance and

dragon dance troupes performing their acts as they parade along the streets of George Town.

"We have also invited school bands to perform and there will also be colourful floats taking part in the event.

"The parade will start from Jalan Gurdwara and head to Penang Road, Carnarvon Street and

Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling before ending at the Esplanade," he added.

He said this at a press conference at his office in Komtar.

He said that a lion dance on stilts performance would be held at the Esplanade.

"We expect a crowd of more than 10,000 people," he added.

The event is jointly organised by the Penang State Tourism Development Committee, Federation of Penang Wushu, Lion and Dragon Dance Association and the Penang Chingay Association.

For details, email info@visit-penang.gov.my or call 04-6505136 (Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6pm).

ART CONTEST
The Japanese Graduates' Association of Malaysia (northern branch) will hold its 10th Malaysian-Japanese Children Art Contest on Saturday from 10.30am to 12.45pm at the Penang Japanese School in Jalan Sungai Pinang. For details, call Ooi Sim Yang (012-4120988).

CHARITY DRIVE
All Seasons Place, Penang, will hold a blood donation campaign in collaboration with Penang Hospital and Malaysian Red Crescent Society from 10am to 4pm on Sunday at Level 2, All Seasons Place, Lebuhraya Thean Teik, Bandar Baru Air Itam. There will also be a 'Paws and Claws' adoption drive, zumba dance, dog show and booths selling food, accessories and pet products. Details, visit www.facebook.com/allseasons-placepg or call 04-8293999.

SAKURA FESTIVAL
Sakura-Kai, the Women's Club of the Penang Japanese Association, will hold the 24th Sakura Charity Festival 2016 on Sunday from 10.30am to 1pm at Jen Hotel. Activities include Japanese flower arrangement (*Ikebana*) and Asian dance performances. Details, call Keiko Iwakuni (012-4739155) or email runemi8@gmail.com.

REUNION DINNER
St Xavier's Institution alumni Class of 1970/1972 is organising a dinner gathering on Nov 19 at Penang Club. Details, contact Lim (012-4837337), Loke (012-4010788) or Yap (012-4832603).

BLOOD DONATION
Malaysian Red Crescent (central Seberang Prai) will organise a blood and organ donation campaign with Pertubuhan Kew Ong Yeah, Bukit Mertajam, on Nov 20 from 9am to 1pm at Pertubuhan Kew Ong Yeah Hall, 2469, Jalan Megat Harun, Taman Chuan Liew in Bukit Mertajam. Details, contact Ng Poh Heng (012-4995887).

TOASTMASTERS CONTEST
Butterworth Toastmasters Club is organising 'With Toastmasters, You Can Soar in Your Career' guest night on Nov 23 from 7.45pm to 9.45pm at Room 3404 of the Penang Skills Development Centre. Admission is free. No pre-registration is required. Details, call Lee (016-4676951), Hock Lai (016-4953983) or Leo (019-2180339).

POETRY AND MUSIC
A poetry-cum-music event, 'Fathers & Sons' featuring national literature laureate Pak Samad and lawyer/poet Cecil Rajendra will be held on Nov 26 at 7.30pm at the Courtyard, Wisma Yeap Chor Ee, China Street Ghaut. The public is urged to make early reservations by calling 04-6595002.

CONCERT
Penang Philharmonic Orchestra (PPO) is presenting its final concert for 2016, titled 'Babies Prom' at 2pm and 4pm (two shows) on Nov 27 at the PPO auditorium at The Star Pitt St. in Jalan Masjid Kapitan Keling, George Town. The concert is for children aged three to 10 to introduce them to musical instruments and musical ideas. Tickets are priced at RM30 and are available at Dewan Sri Pinang, Bentley Music in Gurney Paragon and Areca Books at The Star Pitt St. Details, call Ramesh (04-2622462).

Volunteers spruce up park

Cleaner forest reserve awaits visitors when it reopens next month



Volunteers all set to clean up the forest reserve in Cherok Tokun, Bukit Mertajam.

THE Cherok Tokun forest reserve in Bukit Mertajam, Penang, will be garbage-free and clean when it reopens on Dec 1.

During the closure, environmentalists and volunteers have been devoting their time to sprucing up the park.

Businessman Ooi Kim Sing, 65, who heads the cleaning programme, said 360 volunteers would work two hours daily every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to clean up the park.

"Each day, we gather 500kg of garbage, mostly at the four rest areas along the main 3.8km tarmac trail and the two dirt trails leading to the hill's peak," he said when met at the park on Saturday.

Ooi said the rain was among the challenges faced by the volunteers.

"The wet soil makes our work a bit hard but safety is our first concern inside the jungle," he said.

Ooi added that all the rubbish should be cleared by the end of the week.

"After that, we will conduct minor landscaping work and plant some new trees along the trails.



"Next month, the public can look forward to a cleaner park. We hope to change the mindset of the public on littering," he said.

Avid hiker Andy Pong, 47, said he was grateful to the volunteers for their efforts.

Last month, *The Star* highlighted the littering problem in the forest reserve which prompted the authorities to close it for a month for a cleanup.

Ooi (right) and several volunteers collecting rubbish from the ravine near a rest area in the park.