

Bagandang Fest 2009, Beaufort

Venue: Tamu Ground and Beaufort District Field

Date: 11th-13th December 2009

Dubbed the Venice of Malaysia, the district of Beaufort is famed for the Bisaya indigenous group among many other things. 'Bisai ia' originates from the Brunei language describing the captivating and beautiful girls of the native tribe.

Come away to Beaufort this December to witness the Bagandang Fest and Buy Malaysian Products Trade Expo 2009. The Bagandang Fest (known as a "jamming session" to the locals) celebrates the traditional mini brass gongs, the kulintangan which is often played during weddings. With the evolution of the music world, the kulintangan has also advanced from being played in the pentatonic scale to major and minor notes.

This three-day event will take place from the 11th to 13th December at the Tamu Ground and Beaufort District Field. Among the highlights not to be missed are the Domestic Trade Expo, which will be held during the first two days from 8.30am to 10.30pm; as well as the Traditional Wedding Ceremony of the native Bisaya, Lundayhe, Murut and Brunei people held on the third day from 2pm to 5pm.

Other interesting activities to check out are the children colouring contest, native sports, kebaya fashion show and the Bintang Bagandang singing competition. Visitors will also be entertained with performances by local artists such as Stacy and Lotter of Akademi Fantasia. See you there!

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