

More than a search engine

Starproperty.my d2.TV online portal brings new dimension to property hunt

PETALING JAYA: Need information on decor and design, or on the dos and don'ts on improving your dream home?

Look no further than *StarProperty.my*'s new online portal d2.TV featuring celebrities, real estate experts and rising stars of the realty and property market.

A first in Malaysia, d2.TV will take viewers through heaps of information and entertaining topics about the property and home decor lifestyle.

Celebrities like Xandria Ooi, Yuri Wong, Eric Leong and Jojo Struys will introduce viewers to beautifully designed homes and properties.



Videos will be uploaded weekly with each episode lasting not more than 10 minutes, said head of *StarProperty.my* Martin Chow.

"Viewers can choose episodes from the series in which they are interested in and watch them as they please," Chow said during the launch of

the portal by Star Publications (M) Bhd group managing director and chief executive officer Datin Linda Ngiam at Cartrade, The Curve yesterday.

Chow said d2.TV is aimed at working adults looking for a fun and informative way to learn

about buying and selling properties and quality interior design.

"It brings a fresh twist to searching for property and learning about interior design."

Chow added d2.TV was also aimed at grooming up-and-coming realty millionaires. Ngiam said the portal had taken property search engines to a "whole new level".

"When we launched *StarProperty.my* a year ago, we promised the portal will be more than a search engine," Ngiam said.

"This is a testament to *The Star's* passion and commitment to providing great content. "And this is just the beginning."

Plans for more direct flights to Finland and New Zealand

KUALA LUMPUR: The Tourism Ministry plans to establish direct flights to and from Finland and more flights to cities in New Zealand.

Minister Datuk Seri Dr Ng Yen Yen said this was one way to boost tourist arrivals from both countries.

She noted that tourists from European countries, New Zealand and Saudi Arabia had spent a substantial sum of money during their visits to Malaysia.

Dr Ng said this in her speech after opening the Midori Japanese Steamboat and Buffet Restaurant here yesterday. One of the ministry's target next year was to attract more tourists from the three locations, she added.

Efforts to initiate direct flights from

Finland, she said, would begin with 12 chartered flights from Helsinki to Kuala Lumpur from next week.

Bernama quoted Dr Ng as saying that tourist arrivals to Malaysia had quadrupled with an annual growth of 14.1% from 5.5 million in 1998 to 23.65 million last year.

In terms of tourist receipts, she said it had increased six-fold, registering an annual growth rate of 18.1% from RM8.5bil to RM53.4bil in the same period.

"These achievements have significantly enhanced Malaysia's global ranking and for the first time, Malaysia is among the top 10 most visited countries in the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) list."



Delicious: Dr Ng looking at the array of Japanese food after opening the Midori Japanese Steamboat and Buffet restaurant in Kuala Lumpur last night.

Woman killed in highway crash

REMAU: A woman was killed and four others injured when their car skidded and overturned in a ditch at the 240.8km North-South Expressway.

A police spokesman said Mahawa Ab Rani, 52, died at the scene, near the Pedas-Linggi toll plaza, due to severe head and body injuries.

Her body was sent to the Tuanku Jaafar Hospital in Seremban.

Apparently the five were heading north on Tuesday when their car collided with another, resulting in one of the vehicles plunging into a ditch. — Bernama

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