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**DANGA BAY FREE CONCERTS EXPECTED TO DRAW 50,000
PEOPLE NIGHTLY**

4-day Iskandar Waterfront Carnival from March 26-29

JOHOR BAHRU: Mon (March 23, 2015): More than 50,000 people are expected to throng Danga Bay here every night beginning March 26 for the four-day free concerts featuring some of the biggest names in the entertainment industry in Malaysia and the world.

To be known as the “Iskandar Waterfront Carnival 2015”, it is a special treat to the people of Johor by Iskandar Waterfront Holdings Sdn Bhd (IWH) as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility programme

During the four-day period, a series of exciting beach sports and games will also be held at Danga Bay as part of the official celebrations to mark the Coronation of DYMM Sultan of Johor.

The free open air concerts on the sprawling new terrace paved with interlocking bricks behind the Danga Bay Convention Centre and overlooking Straits of Johor into Singapore will be held nightly from 7.30pm.

Each night’s performance will showcase different local and international artistes from the United States, South Korea, Indonesia and Malaysia. There will also be magic shows and pyro musical fireworks displays

The climax, however, will be March 29 when DYMM Sultan of Johor and the royal family is expected to also witness the show, which will culminate with a spectacular biggest-ever fireworks display.

This is the first time that some of the hottest names in international music scene are being brought to Johor Bahru for the entertainment and enjoyment of the general public.

Among those performing will be the Korean four-piece SISTAR, which has an enormous global following. Since their introduction in 2011, this all-girl group has won multiple hits and is now ranked among the top 10 K-Pop groups now.

Similarly, T-Ara from South Korea is another glamorous band with legions of fans all round the world. This incredible group that is fun-loving and upbeat is also known for its diverse music.

Australian born pop star, Havana Brown, will also thrill audiences here. The phenomenally successful singer, dancer and DJ has toured the world and a much sought-after entertainer.

Taboo, a key member of the world-famous "Black Eyed Peas" will also be performing, in addition to current Indonesian hot favourite Dato Ross.

Big names in Malaysia such as Fuying & Sam, Sheila Majid, Alleycats, Jacklyn Victor, Faizal Tahir, Shila Amzah and Penny Tai have also been signed up to thrill local fans during the four-day concert.

"The concerts are absolutely free....it is our way of saying "Thank You" to the people for their support," said IWH spokesman Gary Lee Seaton.

"I also wish to confirm that all the international artistes will be coming to Johor and performing as scheduled in Danga Bay" he added

The concert schedule is as follows:

March 26: Nicole Tai (Astro talent search star), Rossa (Indonesia), SISTAR (all girls K-Pop group from South Korea); **March 27:** Geraldine Gan (Astro talent search star), Jacklyn Victor, Sheila Majid, Penny Tai; **March 28:** Crystal Lee, Fuying & Sam (Taiwan), Alleycats and Faizal Tahir; **March 29:** Shila Amzah, T-Ara (Korean K-Pop group), Havana Brown (USA) and Taboo (a member of "Black Eyed Peas").

"Ample free parking space will be provided, with clear signages, for the public to come for the concerts without any hassle. A tram service is also available for those parking some distance away from the concert venue," added Gary Seaton.

He advised members of the public to come early because of massive crowds expected to turn up for the shows.

Meanwhile, all beach sports and games will be flagged off on March 26 at Danga Bay at 8am. These activities will continue daily until March 29, which will culminate with the prize giving ceremony for champions by DYMM Sultan of Johor.

The events include beach volleyball, netball, soccer and tug-a-war. Also included is a F3000 Powerboat Race, Boat Floats Parade and Competition and a Cycle-around-Johor Race.

The public can visit www.iskandarwaterfront.com for full details.

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