



# Honouring a 100-year legacy

**Siniawan Festival** | August 18 - 20, 2017 . Siniawan, Kuching

**A**fter more than 100 years in existence, the Old Siniawan Bazaar is still standing strong today. Lined with old wooden shophouses, this charming old place transforms into a beautiful nightspot at sundown, with warm ambient light emanating from the strings of Chinese lanterns spanning the length of the bazaar.

Despite its location at the old town of Siniawan along Bau Road, some 26 kilometres from Kuching City centre, the bazaar receives

many visitors, especially during the weekends. The main draws besides the relaxing atmosphere are the food stalls that offer anything from fried noodles to traditional *kuih*.

In celebration of the old bazaar's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary last year, the Siniawan Festival was introduced for the very first time, attracting some 20,000 visitors. The large number of visitors came as a shock to many of the food vendors, whose food and drinks were sold out by 10pm.

Now a part of the Sarawak Tourism Calendar of Events, the festival is



returning for a second year, and looks set to be even better than before. The main attraction will be the 'Western Country Music and Cowboy Night', with live performances that will have guests moving and shaking. This particular event drew the largest number of crowd during last year's festival – some 8,000 festivalgoers that night alone. There will also be cultural showcases, various competitions, entertainment programmes and many other side events.

This year's edition of Siniawan Festival will be held over three days, from Aug 18 to 20. Expect more fun and excitement and of course great food! But be reminded that parking will be a challenge as huge crowds will be expected, so it is best to head there as early as possible. Carpooling is a great idea as well.

