The company's first machine is still in operation.

Listing of WCT on the second board of the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange.

1995

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2009 Yas Marina Circuit, Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang South, Selangor, Malaysia.

Première Hotel, Klang South, Selangor, Malaysia.

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2010 Bakun Hydroelectric Dam, Sarawak, Malaysia.

The Ascent, Paradigm, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

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NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

HAVE SOME ANALOG FUN!

An e-publication by WCT
2016 is a special year for WCT as the Group celebrates its 35th anniversary. From its humble beginnings as a small company specialising in earthworks with just one wheel loader, WCT is now a global brand known for its reliability and trustworthiness. You can read more about this story of true grit and passion in our Cover Story.

This issue is also the first of 2016 and we have prepared for you an interesting story on how different Asian cultures celebrate the New Year around the world in the Focus section. It is not just all about the merry-making as the New Year celebrations will see some cultures taking the opportunity to reunite with their family, give thanks for a bountiful year or to pray for a better year ahead. As we try to cultivate better habits in the new year, we share some creative ideas on how you can keep your child occupied without relying on digital devices in this issue’s Lifestyle section.

And before we sign off, we hope that the first issue of this year is insightful and interesting for you and we take this opportunity to wish you a prosperous Chinese New Year.

Gong Xi Fa Cai!
IN THE NEWS

A MID-AUTUMN’S CELEBRATION

3 October 2015

It was a merry Mid-Autumn Festival for invited guests who, consisted of existing and potential homeowners, enjoyed a buffet dinner at the d’Laman Greenville Clubhouse at Bukit Tinggi. Apart from an opportunity to check out this prestigious development, the guests also enjoyed an Er-Hu music performance, participated in a treasure hunt as well as a lantern parade. Early birds at the event were also given free mooncakes.

ANOTHER FEATHER IN WCT’S CAP

5 October 2015

It was a proud day for WCT when the Group clinched a RM70.4 million contract for the Lifestyle Quarter Phase 1 of Tun Razak Exchange project by 1MDB Real Estate Sdn. Bhd. The scope of work includes earthworks, rock probing and grouting works for Lifestyle Quarter, Phase 1 of the Kuala Lumpur International Financial District and the works under the Contract are expected to be completed by November 2016.

PROMOTING HELLO KITTY’S TOUR

14 – 18 October & 18 – 22 November 2015

Hello Kitty fans were in for a pleasant surprise when they walked into Paradigm Mall and gateway@klia2 as the roadshow promoting the Hello Kitty Go Around event was happening at these two locations. The Hello Kitty Go Around event is holding its event at Viva Home Expo Hall in Kuala Lumpur from 19 December 2015 till 19 January 2016 and the roadshow was intended to create awareness and excitement for this fun-filled event. During this roadshow, shoppers could purchase Hello Kitty merchandise at a discounted rate and children received free entry to the inflatable bouncy playground with a minimum purchase of RM50 in a single receipt at the gateway@klia2.
IN THE NEWS

A STAR STUDDED MEET & GREET

18 October 2015

Paradigm Mall was abuzz with activities on the 18th of October when the cast members of popular Taiwanese romantic comedy ‘Our Times’ visited the mall for a meet and greet session to promote the movie which was released in Malaysia on 22 October 2015. Fans shouted gleefully when actors Wang Ta Lu and Dino Lee as well as film director Frankie Chen appeared on stage.

The fans were also treated to fun games like Charades and Guessing Games during the event. They also had fun shopping at the merchandise booth and got up close and personal with their idols during the autograph session.

ANOTHER CONTRACT SECURED

19 October 2015

In yet another piece of good news, WCT has won an infrastructure contract at the Tun Razak Exchange (TRX) worth RM755 million from 1MDB Real Estate Sdn. Bhd. for Infrastructure and Roadway Works.

The contract covers underground road structures, installation of direct buried activities, at-grade roadway, elevated roadway as well as associated earthworks, mechanical and electrical works.

CULTURAL INSIGHTS AT gateway@klia2

22, 24 & 25 October 2015

In an effort to promote the International Aborigines and Indigenous Arts Festival (FKOAP) that was organised by The National Department for Culture and Arts (JKKN), a roadshow was held at the ERL Entrance at gateway@klia2.

This promotional event gathered aboriginal and indigenous people from Malaysia, Indonesia, New Zealand, Canada, China, Ghana, Philippines and Thailand who got together to enthrall the crowd with a simple performance. Those who were at the ERL Entrance at gateway@klia2 were also treated to a stunning show by the performers from the JKKN.

WCT ACCEPTS LETTER OF AWARD WORTH RM267 MILLION

27 October 2015

It was another proud day for WCT when the group accepted the Letter of Award worth RM267 million from Petronas for the procurement, construction and commissioning of civil and infrastructure works at Petchem Interconnecting & 6900 Area and Petchem Interconnecting South Area.

The scope of works includes earth works, concrete works, storm water drainage system, roads and paving, miscellaneous works, underground piping, earthing networks, procurement, temporary works and utilities.

A TASTE OF MALAYSIA AT THE LEAD RESIDENCES

24 October 2015

In a continuous effort to promote The Lead Residences, the Malaysian Delights event was held at The Lead Residences’ Sales Gallery. 200 families who turned up for the event were treated to a variety of popular local dishes presented in a hawker style set-up at the Sales Gallery.
A CELEBRATION OF COLOUR AND LIGHT

30 October - 15 November 2015

Paradigm Mall and gateway@klia2 were brightly decorated with vibrant and colourful 3D Kolams in conjunction with Deepavali. To add to the excitement and festivities, a Deepavali Instagram online contest was organised. Shoppers had a fun time taking pictures of the various Kolam decorations of the malls for a chance to win mystery goodie bags.

To further entertain visitors, a Bollywood dance performance was also held on 10 and 13 November 2016.

RACEXP FOR SPEED JUNKIES

3 - 8 November 2015

Paradigm Mall played host to Malaysia’s first Wheel-to-Wheel Licensed Simulator Racing Competition 2015 – the RACEXP. This exhilarating simulator racing competition was open to the public and participants were only required to pay a fee of RM30 to have a chance to be Malaysia’s First RACEXP Champion 2015.

Mr. Vincent Chong, General Manager of WCT Malls Management said, “Paradigm Mall is honoured to host the 1st RACEXP. It has always been our goal to bring innovative, delightful and exciting activities to our customers and I am sure RACEXP will be able to attract racing enthusiast and aspiring racers from all over.”

WCT EXHIBITS AT MAPEX 2015

6 - 8 November 2015

In an event aimed to promote 1Medini Garden Villas, Medini Signature and WCT products to local and foreign markets, WCT Land recently participated in the MAPEX 2015 event which was held in Johor Bahru City Square, Johor. This event was organised by REHDA Johor and saw the participation of 37 property developers.
HUGE TURNOUT FOR MOVIE PROMO TOUR

8 November 2015

Fans of popular Hong Kong drama ‘Return of the Cuckoo’ were waiting in line to see the main cast of the movie in Paradigm Mall for a Gala Premiere meet and greet Session. The crowd went wild when Julian Cheung, Charmaine Sheh and Nancy Sit took the stage.

A media conference and a special screening of the movie were also held at the mall on the same day.

WCT SECURES ANOTHER CONTRACT AT RAPID

12 November 2015

WCT strengthened its order book by securing another contract worth RM316 million from Petronas Nasional Bhd. (Petronas) for works in Refinery and Petrochemical Integrated Development (RAPID) in Pengerang, Johor.

Works to be done includes earthworks, environmental protection of the site and to the surroundings, piling and foundation works, architectural works, building structural and services works, health, safety and environmental design, civil works/ external works and miscellaneous.

PREMIÈRE HOTEL’S 5TH ANNIVERSARY GIVEAWAY

12 November 2015

Guests who were dining at F&B outlets of the Première Hotel were pleasantly surprised when they were invited to participate in the hotel’s Lucky Draw held in conjunction with the hotel’s 5th Anniversary. The terms were easy, they would just need to spend RM50 and above in a single receipt for a draw.

Customers that were rewarded that night includes Mr Loh Kok Mun, who won a 2D/1N stay in Première Hotel’s superior room as well as breakfast for 2; vouchers worth RM50 nett for Mr Benson; Weekend hi-tea for two pax for Mr Lee Nor Swung; 120 minutes spa for Mr Wang Zhen Qiang and Mr Alex Lee and a 60 minute spa for Miss Phoebe Lee and Miss Gian Shiau Chen.

PERFORMING THE GOLDEN OLDIES

13 November 2015

The 10 finalists of ASTRO’s annual singing competition – the Golden Melody Singing Competition made an appearance at Paradigm Mall where they gave stunning performances to the crowd.

The event also saw spectators participating in games and a voting session.
**MOVING UP!**

**16 November 2015**

The WCT headquarters has been relocated to its first Grade A Corporate Office Tower at The Ascent, Paradigm from its previous office in Glenmarie, Shah Alam. The new headquarters is currently occupying the top three floors of The Ascent.

WCT’s headquarters’ new address is B-30-01, The Ascent, Paradigm, No. 1, Jalan SS 7/26A, Kelana Jaya, 47301 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan. It can be contacted via telephone on +603 7906 6688.

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**WCT CLINCHES RM283 MILLION HIGHWAY DEAL**

**16 November 2015**

In yet another contract secured, WCT was named the subcontractor by IJM Bhd, to build part of the West Coast Expressway, which stretches from Taiping to Banting for RM282.57 million.

The scope of work includes preliminaries, site clearance and earthworks, geotechnical works, drainage works and box culverts, sub-base, road base and pavement, traffic signs, road markings and road furniture, utilities and services, erosion control sediment plan, environmental protection and enhancement.

**A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP**

**01 December 2015**

It was a momentous occasion for WCT as a partnership in the form of a Subscription & Shareholders Agreement was signed by wholly-owned subsidiaries of WCT and UEM Sunrise - WCT Land Sdn Bhd (“WCTL”) and Sunrise Berhad (“SB”) to jointly develop 10 parcels of freehold land in Serendah through a joint venture company – Jubilant Courtyard Sdn Bhd.

This partnership will see WCT and UEM Sunrise transform 608.63 acres of freehold land into a mixed-use development project with gross development value of approximately RM3 billion in Bandar Serendah, the northern corridor of Greater Kuala Lumpur.

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**SNOOPY IS IN THE HOUSE!**

**27 November 2015 – 03 January 2016**

It was like walking into a winter wonderland last Christmas when you walk into Paradigm Mall or gateway@klia2. Beautifully decorated Christmas scenes complete with snow-covered houses, lush Christmas trees and characters from The Peanuts Movie were seen in both malls.

Visitors of both malls also enjoyed musical shows, carolling, a music band as well as a host of exciting and fun activities throughout the months of November and December. Shoppers were also invited to participate in an Instagram contest where they could upload their favourite picture to win exclusive passes to watch The Peanuts Movie.

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**FOURTH CONTRACT AT RAPID PENGERANG SITE FOR WCT**

**14 December 2015**

WCT secures another contract worth RM323 million from PRPC Utilities and Facilities Sdn. Bhd., a subsidiary of Petroleum Nasional Berhad (“PETRONAS”) Group. This is the fourth for the Group at the RAPID Pengerang site and the scope of work includes phased demolition and restoration works, excavation and backfillings works, storm drainage works, piling works, roads & paving works, underground piping works, concrete works, structural works, electrical and instrumentation works and any other miscellaneous works.
RECOGNITIONS CORNER

Every issue, we dedicate this section in appreciating the efforts and experiences of our staff.

SAFETY FIRST FOR PREMIÈRE HOTEL

5 October 2015

Approximately 100 employees of Première Hotel participated in a fire drill and first aid training in collaboration with Jabatan Bomba Sri Andalas. The experienced fire fighters shared tips and pointers on how to use the fire extinguisher and it also involved a practical training of the emergency evacuation procedure. During the training, the employees were also given training to handle casualties in the event of a fire.

WCT MALLS EMPLOYEES SCORES AT 2ND BOWLING TOURNAMENT

6 November 2015

The employees of WCT Malls were invited to participate in the company’s second Bowling Tournament 2015 which was held at the Kompleks Sukan Airport Nilai. Apart from showing off their skills, this tournament was also a chance for the staff to improve their team bonding. A total of 42 employees from both Paradigm Mall and gateway@klia2 participated in the tournament.

Mr. Kenny Wong, Executive Director was present to announce the results as well as to hand out the prizes to the winner.

Team Category

Champion 1st Runner-up 2nd Runner-up
Team 3 (Murad, Najmi & Mandiyana) Team 8 (Sekaran, Thoo & Amie) Team 10 (Kenny, Ruzana & Saharudin)

Top Scorer

Male Female
Phoster Sageh (WCT Malls) Noor Ain Hamiza (gateway@klia2)
IN THE NEWS

A JOYOUS DEEPAVALI AT GATEWAY@KLIA2

19 November 2015

All staff and guests of WCT Malls were invited to partake in a colourful Deepavali celebration at gateway@klia2’s Loading Bay. Mr Taing Kim Hwa (Managing Director), Mr Choe Kai Keong (Executive Director), Mr Vincent Chong (General Manager of Shopping Mall), Mr Tian Keng Swee (Centre Manager of gateway@klia2) and all Head of Departments of WCT Malls and gateway@klia2 were presented with a golden necklace and were invited to light some candles to officiate the event.

Decked in their traditional outfits, those invited enjoyed a wide range of delicious local dishes and joyful music cast a festive mood over the area. The guests also enjoyed a staff’s dance performance and a Deepavali karaoke session as well as the Best Dancer Award and the Best Dress Award.
The employees of Paradigm Mall and gateway@klia2 were in Janda Baik, Pahang for a two days, one night team building event. A total of 245 employees participated in the team building event in three different sessions. The main purpose of this event was to build and strengthen teamwork and communication skills among the employees of these two shopping malls.

The team building event saw employees participating in activities such as river trekking, Sungai Benus Explorace, Wawa Fun Valley Team Olympics, Maze Runner and other physical activities. Mr Vincent Chong (General Manager of Shopping Mall), Capt. Kon Si Chong (Operations Manager) and Mr Tian Keng Swee (Centre Manager of gateway@klia2) also participated in this team building event.
SHAVE IT OFF!

13 – 15 November 2015

It was a fun November or ‘Movember’ when Paradigm Mall gave their full support to spread awareness of prostate and testicular cancer. This three-day awareness campaign was held to encourage men to be more proactive and to take ownership of their health.

Also during the event, mall-goers were encouraged to sign up for a direct debit donor programme (DDDP) a donation programme for those who would like to give to the cause together with MAKNA. With the DDDP programme, donors contribute a fixed denomination monthly via credit card or bank account deductions.

COMMUNITY
Luxury Resort Living

Klang’s best living begins at d’Laman Greenville, where the spectacular outdoors converge at the gem of the development, the Greenville Clubhouse. Come experience Klang’s New Standard of Resort Lifestyle where a 9-acre landscape and a 3-acre scenic pond complement a luxurious resort lifestyle reserved for only 266 families. Come home to free flowing spaces within exclusive Semi-Ds and Bungalows ranging between 3,120 sq. ft. and 6,000 sq. ft., then head back out to relish an assemblage of exclusive amenities that beautifully assimilates with nature.

The Greenville Clubhouse, Semi-D and Bungalow Show Units are Ready for Viewing. Price starts from RM1.4 million.
As WCT celebrates its 35th anniversary on 14 January 2016, we look back at the Group’s humble beginnings of four friends who took things one step at a time.

It was 1981 and the world was in recession. Wong Chew Lai, Wong Sewe Wing, Chan Soon Huat and Taing Kim Hwa started a small company specialising in earthworks with just one wheel loader. It was also in 1981 that WCT Earthworks and Building Contractors Sdn Bhd secured its first project for earthworks in Jalan Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur. In 1992, the big break came for WCT when it secured the Selangor Turf Club infrastructure project. This was the beginning of many projects that made it into the global brand that it is today; one that is known for its reliability and trustworthiness.

Apart from achieving accolades in Malaysia, the Group also made waves internationally in 2009 when WCT completed the RM4.3 billion Yas Marina F1 Circuit in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. in 28 months.

WCT was also the first sub-contractor in Malaysia to be listed and quoted on the second board of Bursa Malaysia in 1995 and today, the Group has become a well-managed billion Ringgit corporation listed on the main market of Bursa Malaysia as WCT Holdings Berhad.

With all the achievements made since the Group’s inception, there is just too much to mention in this e-newsletter but to find out all about WCT’s achievements in the first 30 years, click on the link below to read about it in the Group’s commemorative coffee table book ‘Along The Earth Road – The WCT Story. 1981 – 2011’.

http://www.wct.com.my/about/about.aspx?c=1&a=47v
Here are some notable achievements from the Group in the past five years.

2011

**JANUARY** – WCT celebrates its 30th Anniversary.

**JULY** – WCT secures a contract worth RM115 million for earthworks services by Vale Malaysia Manufacturing Sdn Bhd. The scope of work under the Contract comprises earthwork, drainage, roads & pavement, slope protection works and temporary sedimentation ponds at VMM’s Project - Phase 1A (Stage 1), Teluk Rubiah, Perak, Malaysia.

**SEPTEMBER** – Enters a concession agreement with Malaysia Airports Holdings Berhad (MAHB) and Segi Astana Sdn Bhd for the privatisation of the construction, development and financing of the Integrated Complex at KLIA 2 (gateway@klia2) on a build-operate-transfer (BOT) basis.

**DECEMBER** – WCT achieves accumulated property sales of RM3 billion.
**2012**

**JANUARY** – WCT establishes a presence in the southern region with the launch of the 1Medini development in Medini, Iskandar Malaysia, Johor.

**APRIL** – 800 employees attended the launch of the Group’s refined Vision, Mission and Core Values.

**MAY** – Paradigm Mall, WCT’s second retail mall, is opened to the public.

**JULY** – WCT launches the “Klang! In and Around The Royal Town” book, as part of the Group’s corporate social responsibility initiative. This 188-page book celebrates the history, culture and people of Klang by piecing together the perspectives of five writers and a photographer into one book.

**OCTOBER** – WCT signs a lease purchase agreement with Iskandar Investment Berhad (IIB) for 18.12 acres of land in Medini North in Iskandar Malaysia for RM99.468 million.

**NOVEMBER** – WCT launches The Landmark, a commercial development in Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Klang.
2013

**MARCH** – The Group secures the Lot 2C5 project, a government administrative centre building in Putrajaya, Malaysia with a contract sum of RM315 million. This development comprises of two building blocks of 7-storey podium and 14-storey high tower with retail and associated facilities with 2 levels of basement carpark.

**MAY** – Première Hotel receives the TripAdvisor’s 2013 Certificate of Excellence.

**JUNE** – WCT launches WCT KIDSS, a CSR programme to provide the younger generation with opportunities for sports-based achievements and personal development.

**JULY** – The Group undergoes internal reorganisation under the new listed investment holding company – WCT Holdings Berhad.
2014

**MAY** – gateway@klia2 is opened to the public.


**2014 JULY** – WCT secures RM341.9 million Petronas RAPID Pengerang project to undertake the construction of access and permanent roads within the RAPID site at Pengerang, Johor.

**2014 OCTOBER** –
1. WCT secures a contract worth RM651.6 million by Boustead Ikano Sdn Bhd to construct a major retail shopping centre, MYTOWN along Jalan Cochrane, Malaysia.
2. Completes the Tuaran Hospital, Sabah, the Group’s first hospital project.
2015

**JANUARY** – WCT appoints New World Hotels & Resorts to manage the upcoming New World Petaling Jaya Hotel at Paradigm Mall.

**FEBRUARY** – WCT continues to strengthen its presence in the southern region with the opening of the 1,223 square metres WCT Show Village in Medini, Iskandar Malaysia, Johor.

**MARCH** – WCT wins the RM1.3 billion Lusail Development Project (a 70:30 joint venture between WCT and Al-Ali Projects Co (W.L.L.)) in Doha, Qatar.

**APRIL** – WCT completes its corporate tower - The Ascent, Paradigm, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.

**MAY** –


2. WCT completes Block A, the 9-storey hospital building of the Kota Kinabalu Medical Centre project in Sabah, Malaysia on 23 May 2015.
2015

JUNE –

1. WCT completes the PLUS Nilai & Seremban Expressway (Fourth Lane Widening Works), Malaysia project on 30 June 2015.

2. WCT announces the completion of 1Medini Condo, Medini, Iskandar Malaysia, Johor.

SEPTEMBER –

1. WCT secures an RM127 million infrastructure construction project by Kwasa Land for the Kwasa Damansara Township Development in Sungai Buloh.

AUGUST – WCT launches the Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru project and it is set to open in September 2016.

2. The Group completes the Ministry of International Trade and Industry headquarters, a project worth RM300 million that consists of a 31-storey office tower, a 2-storey carpark and a 3-storey podium on 28 September 2015.

3. Putrajaya Holdings Berhad awards WCT with the Best Waste Minimisation Programme by Contractor for the Lot 2C5 Putrajaya project.
2015

OCTOBER –
1. The Group bags Tun Razak Exchange (TRX) Lifestyle Quarter Phase 1 contract worth RM70 million on 5 October 2015.
2. Secures the TRX Infrastructure and Roadway Works contract worth RM755 million on 19 October 2015.
3. WCT signs RAPID (PRPC Utilities And Facilities Sdn Bhd) – Civil & Infra Works contract worth RM267 million on 26 October for the Petchem Interconnecting & 6,900 Area and Petchem Interconnecting South Area (Package 14-0302 and 14-0303) – Stormwater Drainage

DECEMBER –
1. The Group signs a Subscription & Shareholders Agreement between Sunrise Berhad, WCT Land Sdn Bhd and Jubilant Courtyard Sdn Bhd.
2. WCT receives a letter of award for the Procurement, Construction and Commissioning (PCC) of Civil & Infrastructure Works at the Storm Drain Central Area for the RAPID Pengerang Project (Package 14-0401) on 14 December 2015. This is WCT’s fourth civil and infrastructure contract at the RAPID, Pengerang site.

NOVEMBER –
1. The Group wins the RAPID contract worth RM316 million in which the job scope includes Utilities, Interconnecting and Offsite (UIO) Facilities – Building on 9 November 2015.
2. WCT signs West Coast Expressway contract worth RM282 million on 16 November 2015.
3. WCT relocates its corporate headquarters to The Ascent, Paradigm, Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia.
A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS

2016 will be an exciting year as WCT is kicking off its 35th Anniversary celebrations with a series of community and corporate activities lined up, amongst others!

OlaBola Movie Partnership

WCT is the proud partner of upcoming movie OlaBola, directed by award-winning director of The Journey, Chiu Keng Guan with the fun fair scene being shot at the Group’s 33-acres of land in Klang South, Selangor. This movie is a feature film that tells the story of everyday heroes through the lives of a multi-cultural football team. This movie will premiere on 28 January 2016 in Malaysia.

WCT Goes Even Further

The Group’s annual cycling event, the Klang Première Century Ride will see the 128-km Century Ride being extended to 135-km to honour WCT’s 35th anniversary celebrations in May 2016.

This event first started in 2014 where 1,500 riders took part. The event proved popular as 1,750 riders took part in the following year’s race. The race is flagged off from Première Hotel and covers townships like Jenjarom, Banting, Morib, Bukit Jugra and Carey Island before ending at the hotel. 2016 will be the race’s third year.

WCT KIDSS Scouts For Young Talents

In an effort to reach out to even more young talents, the Group’s flagship corporate social responsibility programme, WCT KIDSS will be opening 35 more spots come February 2016. The WCT KIDSS programme offers FREE football and basketball programmes in the form of weekend clinics for children aged 9 to 12 years old with the aim of cultivating the spirit of leadership, sportsmanship and the Group’s core values of Winning, Commitment, Teamwork, Humility and Respect. For more information, visit www.wctkidss.com.my

Changing Johor’s Retail Scene

The people of Johor Bahru will experience a brand new shopping experience this year end when Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru opens. The Paradigm Mall Johor Bahru is marked to be the largest regional mall in Johor Bahru. Featuring 1.3 million square feet of retail lettable space, the mall is 6 storeys tall and features a gourmet supermarket by Village Grocer, SOGO Department Store, the largest cinema in Johor Bahru by Golden Screen Cinemas, the state’s first indoor ice-skating rink and 4,200 parking bays!

WCT’s 35th Anniversary Dinner

A celebratory dinner will be held at the end of the year for the WCT family. This dinner will be held to thank the contributions of all who had brought WCT to where it is today.
New Year celebrations are a joyful event celebrated with the presence of family and friends to usher in a brand new year. While most people around the world celebrate this day on the first day of the Gregorian calendar, some celebrate this important day during the beginning of the Lunar calendar. Many New Year traditions and customs are shared among the cultural groups around China, but all have its own distinct traditions and food.

Here are some ways the New Year is being celebrated around East Asian countries.

FOOD

In a tradition observed till today, the Japanese would eat the Osechi Ryuri at the beginning of the new year. This custom was originally introduced to allow housewives survive the first few days of the New Year when stores all over Japan are closed. The food that makes up the Osechi can be prepared in advance and left to cool so it will not spoil.

Typically the Osechi is served in a lacquered box filled with herring roe, black beans, eggs mixed with fish paste, fish paste, burdock root, Konnyaku, shrimp and sea bream.

The Koreans celebrate Seollal on the first day of the Lunar New Year. This day is the most celebrated holiday in Korea. Families typically gather to catch up with one another during this special holiday.

**TRADITIONS**

The celebrations begin with everyone wearing the traditional hanbok and children performing the formal Sebae bow to honour their elders.

Offerings will be placed in front of ancestral tablets and the family will take turns to give their respect as well as to pray for the family's well-being throughout the year.

The family will gather to either play traditional Korean board games or outdoor games after the prayers.


**FOOD**

The traditional New Year’s meal is a soup made of thinly sliced rice cakes or a variation with dumplings. This dish is called tteokguk and it is traditionally said that one will not get older unless they have eaten some tteokguk. The white rice cake is important as it represents a clean new start and new beginning for the New Year.

Mongolians celebrate the Tsagaan Sar two months after the first new moon following the winter solstices. The Tsagaan Sar lasts for 15 days and it is an important event to renew and solidify ties between families.

**TRADITIONS**

The day before Tsagaan Sar is called Bituun (lunar phase of the dark moon) and it is on this day Mongolians thoroughly clean the house to meet the New Year fresh.

Many people will be dressed in full garment of the national Mongolian costumes.

They will also perform a traditional Mongolian formal greeting. Two people will extend both their arms and the younger person will hold the elder person’s elbow in a gesture to show his or her support of the elder.

Tsagaan Sar is celebrated with lots of food that includes dairy products, rice with curds or rice with raisins. A pyramid of traditional cookies will also be placed on a large dish to symbolise Mount Sumeru. Grilled sheep and minced beef or minced mutton steamed inside a pastry, or buuz will also be served.


**Vietnam**

Tet Nguyen Dan or just Tet for short is the most important festival for most Vietnamese. It is celebrated on the first day of the Lunar calendar.

**TRADITIONS**

Before Tet arrives, every Vietnamese household is cleaned and every utensil polished in an effort to get rid of the bad luck of the previous year.

Houses are decorated with kumquat trees, branches of peach blossoms and colourful flowers.

The ancestral altar is decorated with five types of fruits and votive papers.

**FOOD**

Tet is a period of feasting with many types of delicious food prepared for the special celebration. Delicacies such as Banh Tet (a dumpling made with glutinous rice and filled with mung beans and cooked pork), pickled onions, boiled chicken, mung bean pudding, Vietnamese sausages, red sticky rice as well as roasted nuts and seeds are prepared to be served to family and guests alike.


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**Tibet**

The Tibetan New Year or the Losar begins on the first day of the lunisolar calendar. Losar is usually celebrated in late January or early February and lasts for 15 days but the first three days are the most important.

**TRADITIONS**

The festivities begin two days before New Year’s day and the Tibetans will clean their house and cook special dishes to usher in the New Year.

The day before the New Year, Tibetans will make their way to their local monastery to worship as well as give gifts to the monks.

On the New Year’s day, Tibetans get up early and put on new clothes after a bath. After that, they will worship the gods by placing offerings on the shrines after which, the merry making will begin!

**FOOD**

The Losar is celebrated with lots of traditional food which includes soup with dumplings. A sumptuous reunion feast will also be prepared for the whole family which will usually include a kind of cake called kapse and an alcoholic drink called chang.

Have you been guilty of putting an electronic device in front of your child to keep him or her occupied? While ‘screen time’ is important to get your children started on technology, do remember that the tablet computer is not a babysitter.

Here are some activities you can enjoy with your children, minus the devices.

Have Some Analog Fun!

The joy of playing a board game lies in the interaction with the people around you and great moments spent together. It is a great way to build their communication, critical thinking and strategy skills. Board games are also a wonderful way to show your children that games are not all digital!

Reading a book with your children and encouraging them to take a book with them wherever they go helps them to cultivate a passion for reading. Apart from establishing a strong parent-child bonding, reading to them can also help expand their thirst for knowledge.

No-Bake Play Dough

You will need:
- A large mixing bowl
- 1 cup water
- 4 cups flour
- 2 to 4 tablespoon cooking oil
- 1 ½ cups of salt
- Food colouring
- Glitter

1. Pour water into a big bowl and add food colouring. Stir well to mix.
2. Add the flour and salt to the mix. Stir to blend ingredients.
3. Next, add in oil slowly until you get a smooth and soft dough. Add more oil if the mixture is crumbly.
4. Once the dough is formed, add in glitter and knead dough until it becomes soft.
5. This dough keeps for about a week if stored correctly in airtight containers.

Source of information: www.pbs.org/parents/crafts-for-kids/no-bake-play-dough/

3D Salt Painting

You will need:
- Paint
- Glue
- Salt
- Black cardboard

1. Paint a pattern on the black or dark-coloured cardboard with glue.
2. Before the glue dries, sprinkle salt over the paper until all the glue is covered. Shake off excess salt. You will now have a raised salt design on the paper.
3. Use your paintbrush to dab the watercolour on the raised designs. Now watch the colours fizz and spread!


Make Your Own Toys

Toys sold in departmental stores are generally expensive and may only last for a few weeks before your children get bored of them. Instead, consider getting your children involved in arts and crafts to help them improve their creativity and motor skills.

Here are some ideas to get you started!
The kitchen can be a fun and wonderful place for children to be in. It is also a great place to teach them the basics of cooking. Here are some easy recipes for them to try out.

**Chocolate Banana Sundae**

**Serves: 4**  
**Time Spent: 10 minutes**

- 4 small bananas  
- 1 pint vanilla ice cream  
- ¼ cup chocolate sauce  
- ¼ sweetened shredded coconut

**To make:**
1. Peel and slice bananas.
2. Scoop ice cream into 4 bowls and top with bananas, chocolate sauce and coconut.

**Raspberry & Nutella Sandwiches**

**Serves: 4**  
**Time Spent: 10 minutes**

- 8 slices white bread  
- ½ cup Nutella  
- 750g fresh raspberries

**To make:**
1. Spread 4 slices of bread with the Nutella.
2. Top with the raspberries and sandwich with the remaining slices of bread. Cut each sandwich into 4 pieces.

Source: [www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/nutella-raspberry-sandwich-recipe](http://www.realsimple.com/food-recipes/browse-all-recipes/nutella-raspberry-sandwich-recipe)
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