

'Hopping' away to productive school holidays

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AROUND 120 pupils from six primary schools in Tanjung Bungah will be participating in the 'Penang Hop-on Hop-off with Pirates of Tanjung Bungah' excursion-cum-educational tour this school holiday season.

The selected pupils from SK Tanjung Tokong, SK Batu Ferringhi, SJK (C) Hun Bin, SJK (C) Poay Wah, SJK (C) Pai Chai and SK Tanjung Bunga will be travelling on the Penang Hop-On Hop-Off bus to various tourist attraction spots from 9am to 1pm.

They will be divided into three batches whereby two schools with 20 students each will participate in the tour daily until tomorrow.

The tour, which was initiated by the Tanjung Bungah Village Security and Development Committee (JKKK) was aimed at allowing pupils the opportunity to spend their school holidays productively while gaining knowledge and experience about

Penang island.

Through the tour, it is hoped that the pupils, who had just finished their final examination, would be able to release their stress and unwind.

Tanjung Bungah assemblyman Zairil Khir Johari said this was the first time the Tanjung Bungah JKKK is organising an educational tour for the primary school pupils in the area.

"I hope that the pupils can make good use of their school holidays by participating in such positive activities.

"We will continue and expand the project next year if the pupils enjoy themselves," he said during a press conference in Komtar, Penang recently.

Zairil also said the Tanjung Bungah JKKK had organised programmes in schools such as enhancing the infrastructure of schools.

Meanwhile, Penang Hop-On Hop-Off sales and marketing manager Angeline Chen said the tour amounting up to RM8,000 was sponsored by the Tanjung

Bungah JKKK.

"The pupils will be visiting the Wonderfood Museum, Made in Penang Interactive Museum and the Harriston Signature chocolate boutique.

"They will also be exposed to the cultural and heritage sites in Penang island.

"Refreshments will be provided for the pupils and each of them have insurance coverage," she said.

She added that there will be a tour guide on board who will be giving explanations and playing games with the pupils.

"We will have question and answer sessions where pupils will be asked about the facts on Penang island and prizes will be given to the winners," she said.

Also present were SK Tanjung Tokong headmaster Mohd Nizar Zainul, SK Batu Ferringhi headmaster Suddakar Narayanan, SJKC Hun Bin senior assistant Teh Boon Yee, SJKC Poay Wah headmaster Lian Poh Lai and SJKC Pai Chai headmaster Loo Boon Kean.



Zairil explaining the 'Penang Hop-on Hop-off with Pirates of Tanjung Bungah' excursion-cum-educational tour at a press conference.