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Lets go 'green'

Malacca hotels opt for homemade Xmas trees

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MALACCA: It's a battle of "green" Christmas trees among hoteliers and cafes in the state.

Some of the hotels have upcycled materials sourced from their own premises to create the symbol of Yuletide celebrations.

Philea Resort and Spa of Ayer Keroh has unveiled an interesting tree adorned with aluminium can rings while Bayview Hotel boasts a tree featuring materials from their kitchen.

Novotel Melaka Raya Hotel has declared its Christmas tree "100% green" as all the ornaments are made of recycled bottles and illuminated with green lights.

Its marketing and communications manager Violet Monterio said her team filled up the bottles with red and green-coloured liquid and it took them close to two months to complete the Christmas project.

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Philea Resort and Spa assistant communications manager Tee Mei Fong said the aluminium can rings on the Christmas tree had become

an attraction.

"We launched our Christmas tree last week with colourful ornaments and wishes from underprivileged children.

"Our resort is also planning to distribute gifts to the children on Dec 22 as part of our week-long Yuletide celebrations," she added.

Bayview Hotel communications manager Francesca Lopez said their tree was made from recycled items taken from the kitchen and the department.

"Our lobby is turned into fairyland at night when the twinkling lights are switched on," she said.

Meanwhile, popular Malacca hotspot Hard Rock Cafe's general manager Anderson K. Selva said they were the first in the state to prepare their decor for the season.

According to the general manager his staff had already got the decorations ready as early as Nov 14.

"We are proud to say that we are the first outlet in Malacca to turn our premises into a green Christmas wonderland," he said, showing the Christmas tree made of recycled products at the entrance.



Unique: At Novotel Melaka Raya Hotel, the tree is made up of recycled bottles in the Christmas colours of green and red.