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# Love your capital

> Project aimed to revive local pride and ignite love for KL city

BY MARK MATHEN VICTOR

A stranger leaves his home in Kuala Lumpur hours before dawn breaks over the horizon to distribute stacks of newspapers around the city, eventually returning to pick his young son to drop him off at school, and finally returning home for some much needed shut eye.

Interspersed throughout the “footage” are vignettes of others in the capital city, with similar lifestyles, going about their daily routines to prepare for what daylight would bring – from a worker baking pastries for the day’s sale, to Hindu devotees performing dawn prayers.

Upon screening his nearly-four-minute-long short titled *Night Lives Night Loves*, Dain Said explained that the short film was meant to depict “How some people work at night, so that we can work in the day”. The short would serve as a prelude to the launch of “Kuala Lumpur, I Love You”, also

known as “KL I Love You”.

As part of the global Cities of Love initiative that began with Emmanuel Benbihi’s Paris, je t’aime and New York, I Love You films, critically-acclaimed Malaysian writer-director Dain was tasked with spearheading the community initiative aimed to revive local pride and rekindle or spur the love Malaysians have deep in their hearts, for their city.

“The diversity of Malaysian culture, her people, their lives, our memories and the history of KL; the many stories that intersect within our lives, I felt this was really something we could bring to the table and to this global movement,” the director of Bunohan and Interchange said.

Through the art of storytelling, KL I Love You will highlight the collective experiences of our beloved city; the urban spaces; migration and movement; differences and diversity; history and memories; fascination with the supernatural and superstitious; stories of love and relationships; and more.

During a panel discussion, author Bernice Chauly responded to moderator Umapagan Ampikaipakan’s question on how the community initiative will

influence KL residents to get up and share their stories of love for their city. Her answer it would require a concerted effort from all parties.

“People who work in film, those who are teachers; it is everyone. It is past time that children know we need a sense of place. This is a city. It is alive, it breathes and it has stories. It is going to take a lot of work,” Bernice elaborated.

Though the specifics of the initiative are still being looked into and the finer details are on the



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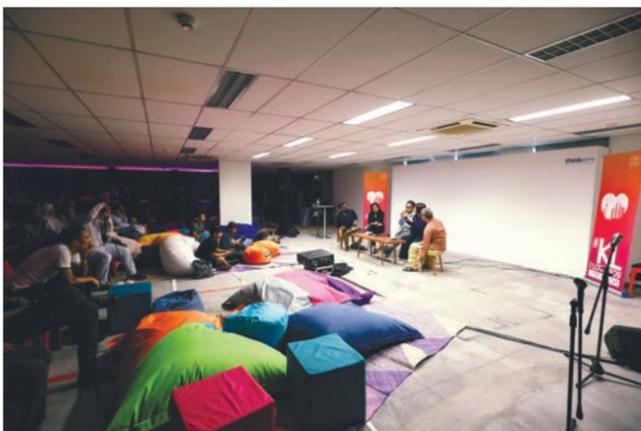
From left: George Town Festival director Joe Sidek with Dain and Bernice who shared valuable insights on the dichotomy between the cultures of Kuala Lumpur and Penang in regards to Kuala Lumpur, I Love You.

drawing board and being ironed out, the end goal will be the culmination of a KL I Love You anthology, a film that will join the likes of Paris, je t’aime, at the same time enhance love for our capital and instil a sense of city pride.

There is no denying that exciting times are ahead for those whose mind is already

churning out ideas, and others who can’t wait to be part of the initiative, particularly film lovers, and its subject matter – Kuala Lumpur, the cosmopolitan national capital of Malaysia.

The KL I Love You initiative is in the pipeline. Interested parties can log on to [www.klloveyou.com](http://www.klloveyou.com) to find out more.



A panel discussion was organised during the launch of Cities of Love Kuala Lumpur.

## How do you get internet on a plane?

CHECKING your Facebook timeline above the cloud, writing emails or streaming a movie: more and more airlines are offering internet packages to passengers for different lengths of time and with varying connection speeds.

But how can an internet signal even be transmitted back and forth between cabin and the ground?

“An antenna located on the rear of the plane’s hull connects to the closest satellite and brings the signal on board. Geostationary satellites are typically used for this,” explains Stefan Barck of Lufthansa Technik.

These satellites exchange signals with various ground stations on earth. These signals first link to a server that then transmits them to a Wireless Access Point. This functions like a home Wi-Fi router and connects flight guests’ tablets, smartphones or laptops to the internet.

So is it technically always possible for passengers to use the internet? That depends on the technology installed and certification from air traffic authorities.



More and more airlines are offering internet packages to passengers for different lengths of time and with varying connection speeds.

With some systems, passengers can already surf Wi-Fi networks on board because their radio waves don’t interfere with aircraft electronics, even during this critical flight phase. Other systems can only be used from a flight altitude of 10,000 feet.

The most stable connection between an aircraft and satellites is reached in clear, cloudless skies or over the cloud cover, says Barck.

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Will these set of chairs dominate the room? The easiest way for shoppers to find out in future is to use an augmented reality app.

## Soon you'll be shopping with augmented reality apps

**CONSIDERABLE** imagination is needed when buying furniture: will this armchair fit into the living room? Will this set of shelves dominate the room, and is this chest of drawers too small?

Potential customers have difficulty depicting these things in their mind's eye before the items are actually bought and delivered. The interior design sector is now offering assistance by means of so-called augmented reality.

This kind of software allows pictures of furniture to be superimposed to scale

on a live image of your kitchen or sitting room, making it possible for you to assess whether that sofa fits in with the rest of the interior.

The app is aimed at online furniture shoppers in particular, with surveys showing that more than a third of Germans have bought furniture over the internet. Nevertheless, online furniture purchases still has its problems for consumers, as a computer browser can't compete with a seeing the furniture in real life. — dpa

# Keep your cool

> Khind displays an array of innovative products that improve air quality



**T**HE earliest fans were invented thousands of years ago and we have come a long way from the days where fans adorned the steel frame.

Today there are a variety of innovative indoor products to boost air quality that caters to every household need. Khind has been in Malaysia for more than 56 years, and they have been developing and manufacturing an array of products from general fans to industrial fans.

One of the brand's well-known fan series is the Winter Snow which features colourful transparent fan blades that are stylish-looking with a snowy white base.

This series is available in table, stand and wall fan variants, and come in three colours to seamlessly blend in with your décor.

Aesthetics aside, the Winter Snow series is equally outstanding in terms of its performance. The fans are equipped with a built-in safety thermal fuse and three-speed control that allows you to choose your desired wind speed.

If you are particularly attentive to saving energy, the Khind Ceiling Fan CF 611 is awarded with a five-star energy efficiency standard. It also has the built-in safety thermal fuse and comes with a five-speed electronic regulator as well as a three-year warranty on motor and outdoor service.

The Khind Box Fan BF 12S flaunts a slim design with an integrated handle which allows you to easily move it around when you need to. Its oscillating louvre enables air to be distributed evenly, and comes with a two-hour timer and three-speed control.

The new kid on the block is the Khind Tower Fan FD 301R that displays a sleek design with a soft touch panel complete with a remote control.

This model can oscillate at a 50-degree angle and comes with a three-speed setting, three-mode selection and eight-hour timer. The best part is it comes with motor overheat protection and a detachable air filter for ease in cleaning.

Khind also offers a range of air moving products including air coolers. The Khind Evaporative Air Cooler EAC 200 has a 20-litre capacity and can be utilised in open spaces such as balconies and

terraces where an air conditioner may not be effective.

This model covers an area between 15 and 20sqm, and is not just an air cooler, it is also an ioniser which improves air quality in a room, making air fresher. It offers vertical and horizontal swing, and comes with a remote control. This model has a two-year warranty and outdoor service.

The other two models in this air cooler series, the EAC 600 and EAC 400, are more compact models which come in a six-litre and four-litre water tank capacity and covers an area up to 10sqm and 15sqm respectively.

Air coolers aside, Khind also offers mist fans. The Khind Mist Fan MF 161 features an easy-to-use control panel, 90-degree auto horizontal oscillation and individual wind speed and mist volume control.

The Mist Fan MF 160R, on the other hand, features a digital LED control panel, remote control, room temperature indicator, timer setting, eight-speed control and four modes (eco, normal, natural and sleep).

These mist fans are ideal in dry and hot climates. Both models boast a slim and stylish design, and are powered by an energy saving brushless DC motor.

Its mist function can be operated independently, with or without the fan. Additionally, the MF 550R model serves as an ioniser. Its ultrasonic mist gives the best cooling effect.

Furthermore, Khind's new Air Circulator JAC 81R offers a built-in ioniser, aroma diffuser and three options of tiltable settings. It is convenient and portable to provide better air quality and comfortable, constant air temperature in a room. It also incorporates the energy saving brushless DC motor.

All these products are available at major retail outlets.

For more information, log on to [www.khind.com.my](http://www.khind.com.my) or call KL/Selangor (03-7839 2001), Penang (04-537 2803), Perak (05-541 7520), Malacca (06-281 5717), Johor (07-355 8991), Pahang (09-568 9711) or Kelantan (09-744 8900). You can also purchase them online at [www.khindonline.com](http://www.khindonline.com)

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## I love me

IN VIEW of International Women's Day, ladies are invited to "Love Yourself, Love Life", an event organised by the Obstetrical and Gynaecological Society of Malaysia (OGSM) on March 10 from 9am to 4pm at Cititel Hotel, Mid Valley, KL.

Activities include talks on health and wellness including cancer, menopause, sexual health, healthy ageing, positive parenting and more.

Register at [administrator@ogsm.org.my](mailto:administrator@ogsm.org.my) and receive free health checks, door gifts and a chance to win lucky draw prizes.

