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## **New Awana Skyway at Resorts World Genting**

*A breathtaking journey to the highest tourist destination in Malaysia*

**Genting Highlands, 22 February 2017** - Awana SkyWay, Resorts World Genting's new state-of-the-art cable car system, is now open to visitors.

The Awana SkyWay is located at the new Awana Transportation Hub and offers both thrills and convenience to Resorts World Genting guests. The 99 cable cars can carry 3,000 passengers every hour on the 620-metre ascent from Awana station to the final stop, SkyAvenue station. With a top speed of six metres per second, the 2.8-kilometre journey takes just 10 minutes.

Visitors will get a spectacular bird's eye view of the 130-million-year-old rainforest surrounding Resorts World Genting, and the site of the future outdoor theme park.

The fourth cable car system at Resorts World Genting, Awana SkyWay is part of the resort's commitment to staying current and relevant.

"Resorts World Genting has a long history of operating cable car systems to provide visitors with a unique vantage point as they make their way up the mountain to the resort," said Mr Thomas Ng, Senior Vice President of Theme Park & Tenancy. "We first began operating cable cars in the 1970s, and the new Awana SkyWay is the fourth system we have built is one of the most advanced in the world."

The cable car system is part of a 10-year masterplan to transform Resorts World Genting. The Genting Integrated Tourism Plan (GITP) includes a total capital investment of RM10.38 billion. When completed, Resorts World Genting will provide world-class, unique entertainment options for visitors, including the new outdoor theme park and the newly opened SkyAvenue shopping mall that offers exciting shopping and dining options.

The revitalisation plan is expected to push the number of visitors to Resorts World Genting to 30 million by 2020, from 20 million a year currently.

### **Unique Gondolas**

The thrilling ride up the mountain begins at Awana station. Passengers have the option of disembarking at two stops to explore the attractions around Resorts World Genting. They can alight at Chin Swee station to enjoy the panoramic views or they can remain in their gondola until the final stop at SkyAvenue station which connects directly to the SkyAvenue shopping mall.

The 99 available gondolas can each carry 10 passengers. 10 of the gondolas are fitted with glass floors, allowing for unobstructed views of the surroundings.

Every gondola is also fitted with two USB ports allowing visitors to charge their mobile phones.

It takes approximately six minutes for the cable cars to travel from the Awana station to the Chin Swee Temple station which is located at an altitude of 1,514 meters. Passengers that disembark at the latter can proceed to the temple via a descending covered walkway equipped with escalators. The station also has its own car park, washrooms, and automated ticketing kiosks for the convenience of visitors.

Passengers wishing to continue their journey on the Awana SkyWay from Chin Swee station can expect an additional four minutes to reach the landing at the SkyAvenue station.

### **An Easier Journey to Resorts World Genting**

With the launch of Awana SkyWay, visitors can look forward to easier access to the peak while travelling at a leisurely pace. They can park their cars further down the mountain, and simply sit back and relax while taking in the views as the gondolas make their way to the top.

The new system offers a slightly shorter ride than the old Genting Skyway which is 3.4 kilometres long and can transport 1,600 people per hour. In comparison, Awana SkyWay can carry almost double the number of people per hour.

Mr. Ng said, 'The Genting SkyWay was open to the public from 1997 and was South East Asia's longest and fastest cable car system at that time, and was a great attraction for the Resort. We are proud to say that we have since ferried 109 million people.'

'Genting SkyWay will be temporary closed while Awana SkyWay is in operation. Both systems will take turns to service our customers.' added Thomas.

Visitors to Resorts World Genting can take cabin-sized luggage on board the gondola, while larger luggage can be stored at the new Awana Bus Terminal for RM5 for 24 hours.

Awana SkyWay operates seven days per week, from 7:00 am until midnight.

Tickets for the standard gondola are priced at RM8 for individuals while Genting Rewards Card members can pay through point deduction system of 5GP per trip. An express boarding pass can be purchased for RM40. For the glass floor gondola, tickets are RM50 for an individual or 40GP for Genting Rewards Card Members.

"The launch of Awana SkyWay is the first of many new and exciting attractions that we are bringing to Resorts World Genting," said Thomas Ng. "This transformation will set us apart as the ultimate holiday destination, not only for Malaysians, but for visitors from around the world. Awana SkyWay is just the beginning."

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