



A New Legend Awakens at Resorts World Genting: The National Luminous Dragon King Championship

Genting Highlands, 14 November 2025 – Where legends awaken and dragons rise in light, the Arena of Stars will ignite with energy on 14 December as Resorts World Genting (RWG) presents the Resorts World Genting National Luminous Dragon King Championship. This spectacular new cultural competition brings together the nation’s best performers in a stunning display of skill, creativity and endurance.

For the first time ever, 20 of Malaysia’s top dragon dance troupes will gather to compete for the coveted Dragon King title in a full-day championship that reimagines one of Asia’s most iconic cultural performances. Each team will showcase their coordination, athleticism and creativity in a breathtaking fusion of glowing scales, rhythmic drumming and gravity-defying stunts designed to captivate audiences.

Consulted by the Catholic High School Alumni Association Dragon & Lion Dance Troupe, the championship adds a new dimension to the traditional art form with the introduction of a creative props segment. Each troupe is challenged to design and incorporate original elements that enhance their choreography and storytelling. This innovation transforms the dragon dance into a multi-dimensional performance art, showcasing each team’s craftsmanship, imagination, and cultural depth, while delivering a visually spectacular narrative of light, motion, and emotion.

During the press conference and drawing of lots here today at Wisma Genting, Spencer Lee, Executive Vice President of Sales, Marketing and Public Relations at Resorts World Genting, shared that the championship is envisioned as a celebration of light, artistry and cultural expression.

“This event is more than just a competition; it is a stage where passion and imagination bring new life to one of Asia’s most iconic cultural symbols – the dragon. Through design, craftsmanship and teamwork, participants from across the nation will illuminate the spirit of unity and creativity that this championship represents,” he said.

The draw-lots ceremony has determined the official performance sequence for the championship as follows:

1. Persatuan Tarian Naga Ao Feng Gong Batu 8 1/2 Skudai, Johor
2. Persatuan Kebudayaan Dan Rekreasi Kang Yuan Muar, Johor

3. Xuan Long Dragon And Lion Dance Ampang, Selangor
4. Persatuan Kesenian Dan Budaya Hua Yi, Pulau Pinang
5. Pertubuhan Kew Ong Yeah Dragon and Lion Dance, Pulau Pinang
6. Persatuan Tarian Naga & Singa Hong Teck Brickfields, Kuala Lumpur
7. Tarian Singa Kwong Ngai, Putrajaya
8. Persatuan Pendidikan Jasmani Friendship, Wilayah Persekutuan
9. Persatuan Qun Sheng Tarian Singa, Sabah
10. Kelab Tarian Singa Dan Naga Xuan Long Shi, Johor
11. Tarian Naga Teochew Eight Districts Association, Johor
12. Persatuan Penganut Agama Buddha Thai Wat Phra Buddha Jinaraja, Melaka
13. Pei De Dragon & Lion Dance Association Kajang, Selangor
14. Persatuan Kebudayaan Tarian Naga Dan Singa Chea Mien Hong Teck Ipoh, Perak
15. Persatuan Social Dan Rekreasi Hai Yang, Kedah dan Perlis
16. Malacca Gao Feng Lion & Dragon Dance Athletic Association, Melaka
17. Malaysia Tan's Lion and Dragon Dance Association, Selangor
18. Ipoh Chinese Chin Woo Athletic Association, Perak
19. Malaysia Khuan Loke Dragon & Lion Dance Association, Selangor
20. Malaysia Yahya Awal Dragon Dance Troupe, Johor

The Resorts World Genting National Luminous Dragon King Championship heralds a new chapter in Malaysia's cultural calendar, where tradition meets innovation, and every movement tells a story of heritage, heart, and harmony.

Looking ahead, Resorts World Genting aims to elevate the art of dragon dance to new heights by developing the Luminous Dragon Competition into a sporting-style cultural event — one that will evolve into an internationally recognized platform. The goal is to preserve and promote this cherished traditional art form while giving it a modern, competitive edge that resonates with future generations.

The competition will run from 10am to 7pm, culminating in a prize presentation ceremony. Cash prizes totaling RM9,000 await the winners, with RM5,000 for the Champion, RM3,000 for the first runner-up and RM1,000 for the second runner-up, along with trophies and medals.

Spectators can witness this monumental clash of light and motion live at the Arena of Stars. Tickets are now on sale, priced at RM139 (PS1 – numbered seating) and RM99 (PS2 – free seating), with an additional RM4 processing fee applies. For the latest updates and happenings at Resorts World Genting, visit rwgenting.com and our official media platforms.

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