

Theme park in Harbour City to open in 2020

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MELAKA: The world's first sky-theme park in Harbour City, Pulau Melaka here is slated to be opened to the public in the first half of 2020.

The 500,000-sq ft Splash World is a joint project involving SGX-listed Hatten Land Ltd, leading resort operator Samsung C & T Corporation and the world's leading designer and installer of water slides, Polin Waterparks.

Fusing the vibrant elements of play, shop and stay, it will be a game-changer in Melaka's luxury, tourism and entertainment landscape and is set to be the state's largest mixed-used 'city of amusement'.

Hatten Land executive chairman Datuk Colin Tan June Teng said the largest water theme park in the state will be developed at a cost of RM200mil.

He said the theme park can accommodate up to 5,200 visitors and is due for completion by the end of 2019.

"The project is a catalyst for growth of tourism in the historical city and help create economic and job opportunities," he said after the signing of the project's collaboration agreement among the three parties at Terminal Pahlawan in Banda Hilir here.



Tan (left) exchanging agreement documents with Byungsuk after the signing ceremony to build the Splash World theme park. Looking on is Adly (centre).

Tan signed on behalf of Hatten Land while Samsung C & T was represented by its executive vice-president Tommy Byungsuk Jeong.

Polin Waterparks regional sales director (South-East Asia) Emre Buyukgungor signed for the company.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Melaka Chief Minister Adly Zahari.

Tan said the four-storey Splash World will be nestled between two 30-storey towers on the 14th floor deck of Harbour City, a mixed development project shaped like a large ship.

He said the presence of the water park may also extend the average length of visitors' stays and increase their average spending per day which bodes well for the tourism sector in the state.

"We hope to attract 850,000 visitors annually in the first year of operation and 1.5 million visitors yearly in the subsequent years," he said.

Meanwhile, Byungsuk said the company is pleased to offer its services and operational expertise in the new venture.

"This is our first foray into Malaysia and we are optimistic about future growth in Melaka's tourism industry," he said.

Samsung C & T's resort group is the owner and operator of South Korea's popular Everland Resort which hits eight million visitors per year.