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Resort's man-made beach popular with young and old

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There's sun and sand and parents do not have to worry about the dangers in the sea.

Welcome to Tiara Beach Resort in Port Dickson that greets holidaymakers with a man-made beach.

Claiming to be the largest inland sea resort in the country, its pool area is fringed with over 2ha of smooth white sand, which is about the size of two soccer fields.

It is nestled in the centre of the resort's seven apartment blocks housing 980 units – some are family suites that have two rooms, each.



Kids' favourite: The "sotong" pool.

Resort owner Oilcorp Oil and Gas Bhd mooted the idea of a man-made beach with the pool area costing more than RM10mil to build.

"We want to provide a holistic holiday at Tiara Beach Resort – a place for everyone in the family to have fun," said the resort's recreation, events and branding senior manager Danny Tan.

"Father can go to the nearby golf course, mother can have massage here and also have peace of mind because their children are playing safely and happily at our man-made beach," he said.

According to him, the pool is only 1.2m at its deepest and there are 15 certified lifeguards stationed at all corners.



No surprise: Tiara Beach Resort's man-made beach is a favourite with all regardless of age.

The pool area has four main sections of leisure pool, activity pool, main waterpark and kids' paradise.

Standing imposingly amid the pools is the centrepiece replicating a cave, where gazebos are perched and spiral slides, constructed.

Colourful slides, swings and inflatable castles create splashy fun at the pools.

“Children don't remember the name of our resort, but they will ask their parents to bring them to the 'sotong' pool,” said Tan, referring to the octopus-shaped slide in one of the pools.



Clowning around: Children are entertained all day long at the resort.

Coconut trees are planted along the “beach,” where children build sand castles, women bask in the sun and teenagers play beach volleyball.

“It wasn't too difficult constructing the man-made beach, but we needed a large filtration plant because sand will be washed into the pools. It was quite a challenge,” said Tan.

An outing to the pool is further enlivened with entertainment and activities such as magic show, ground aerobic session and telematch.

There is another fun part to this special pool.

“Not many pools allow you to dive in with your shirts and pants on, right?” added Tan.

Tiara Beach Resort is located at No:1, PD Tiara, Batu 13, Jalan Pantai, Pasir Panjang, Port Dickson.

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