

## Empire Event Sports Largest Sand Castle, Massive 'Kek Batik'

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The Empire Hotel and Country Club yesterday invited the public to witness the completion of Brunei Darussalam's biggest sand castle and the cutting of a 6.4-metre popular Malay cake called the "Kek Batik", in an event held in conjunction with His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam's 64<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

Held at the hotel's Marine Centre, the "I Survive" event saw families – some dressed as pirates – come to participate in games and activities that would give them the chance to win several dining vouchers at the hotel.

"Today's activities are all pirate-themed, and we have made a 6.4 metre 'Kek Batik' as well as Brunei's biggest sand castle," said a spokesperson from the hotel's Event Management.

Children were seen marvelling at the sand castle that was extremely detailed and complete with miniature figurines that included tiny guardsmen and tiny flags.

"We invited talented sculptors from Singapore and it took them three days to build the castles," said the spokesperson. "And it's supposed to be rainproof too. So I can't wait to see what will happen."

The "I Survive" activities are held at the end of each month, with themes that vary from month to month.