



BINTAN RESORTS

**PATA Gold Awards 2003**  
Bintan Mangrove Discovery Tour – Ecotourism / Travel-Related Project

**1-S Magazine Reader's Choice Awards 2001**  
Best Weekend Getaway  
1-S Magazine, Singapore

**M&C Asia-Pacific Gold Awards 1999**  
Best Golf Venue (Resorts Category)  
M&C Asia-Pacific Magazine

**Most Innovative Linked Product**  
Singapore Tourism Board 12<sup>th</sup> Tourism Awards, 1997

**WTM 1997 Global Awards**  
World Travel Market (WTM), London

**Top 50 Perfect Island Choices**  
The Whole World Year-Round Island Planner  
Conde Nast Traveller 1997

## **For Immediate Release**

### **Bintan Resorts to Get Its Own Airport**

*16 May 2012, Bintan, Indonesia* – Visitor arrivals to Bintan Resorts, on the Indonesian island of Bintan, reached a new high of to 470,470 in 2011 but this record will soon be greatly surpassed once the new airport being planned is operational.

A ground breaking ceremony for the Bintan Resorts International Airport was held today in Busung, Kuala Lobam – just a 30-minute drive south-west of the increasingly popular beach destination of Bintan Resorts. Billed as the first private international airport in Indonesia, the airport is scheduled to open in mid 2015.

“This latest project is a further reflection of Bintan Resorts’ commitment to push ahead with a slew of enhancements and upgrades to boost its destination appeal”, said BG (Ret) Chin Chow Yoon, Executive Chairman of Bintan Resorts International, at the ground-breaking ceremony. He added that, “with greater accessibility to the resort destination, this airport project will serve to enhance the value of the many investments already made here and to attract more investments in new resorts, holiday homes, food & beverage, retail and attractions, especially at the newly master planned Lagoi Bay Development”.

To be built at a cost of S\$100 million by Gallant Venture Ltd, the parent company of Bintan Resorts International, the airport project will see participation by both local and international parties. The airport will feature basic and modest features, including one terminal building for a start, a 2.5km runway and ancillary facilities such as a control tower, fuel storage and a fire/rescue centre. With this currently planned configuration, the airport will accommodate planes like the Boeing 737s and Airbus 320s with a flying radius of about five hours. This would put much of ASEAN as well as southern China and South India within reach. With

ample space for runway expansion in the future, the next phase of development will see the capacity of the airport increased to cover a flying radius of seven hours or more.

The airport will serve mainly domestic routes, chartered flights from regional cities, as well as private jets and the cargo needs of the industrial estates. As such, not only are tourism activities expected to increase, but also the industrial development on the island.

While the bulk of visitors to Bintan Resorts currently come from Singapore via a fast (45 minutes) and frequent ferry link, the new airport will see the proportion of visitors coming directly to Bintan grow. Nevertheless, the original concept of Singapore and Bintan as complementary twin-destinations will still be maintained and strengthened with two international airports instead of one, serving Singapore and Bintan.

Coupled with the on-going developments at Lagoi Bay in Bintan Resorts, which include the building of new beach resorts, holiday villas, retail & lifestyle hub and a range of outdoor amenities and attractions, visitor numbers are expected to climb to over one million by 2015.

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### **About Bintan Resorts**

Bintan Resorts is a multi-award winning, integrated tropical beach resort destination with world-class facilities featuring:

- ✓ Extensive land-bank of prime tropical resort real estate within close proximity to Singapore
- ✓ Indonesian beach resort offering international standards of products and services such as golf, spa, water sports, nature/culture tours and a wide range of accommodation
- ✓ Easy accessibility via fast and comfortable ferries (45 minutes from Singapore and 35 minutes from Batam, Indonesia)
- ✓ Ideal getaway for active individuals and couples, families, golfers, corporate and incentive groups, spa lovers and honeymooners
- ✓ Superb twin destination with Singapore (city & beach resort appeal), providing tourists with ‘two destinations in one holiday!’

For more information on Bintan Resorts, please visit: [www.bintan-resorts.com](http://www.bintan-resorts.com)

For more information on Lagoi Bay Development, please visit: [www.lagoibaybintan.com](http://www.lagoibaybintan.com)

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