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KUALA LUMPUR: Foreign women are earning up to RM30,000 each by prostituting themselves in Malaysia for just 20 days.

These women were able to take home such amount a month after deducting living expenses.

Malaysia was attracting women from China, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Cambodia, India, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, Laos, South Africa, Nigeria, Mongolia and Morocco due to the lucrative market for foreign prostitutes here.

The women, who travel to Malaysia on social visit passes, were allowed a 40-day stay, which they utilise for their "business" by renting rooms or homes in red-light areas such as Bukit Bintang. They usually charge between RM150 and RM200 per session.

After deducting expenses for rental, food, clothing and cosmetics, they have RM20,000 balance. They then rest for 10 days before taking a cheap flight back to Malaysia to repeat the process.

Bukit Aman anti-vice, gambling and secret societies (D7) division chief assistant director Datuk Abdul Jalil Hassan said these activities were worrying as not only was money being "drained out of the country", there was the possibility of these women being HIV carriers.

Vietnamese women are said to be the most sought-after for their beauty and ability to converse in English and Chinese.

Meanwhile, lounge with mini cinemas showing pornographic films in Ipoh are a hit.

After being sufficiently "stimulated", the visitors

will be led to an area called "Aquariums" where exotic women sit in glass cubicles.

They are then persuaded to choose a girl they fancy and have sex with her for between RM90 (S\$35.90) and RM150 (S\$59.90) a session.

There are apparently six such joints in the city, one of which was raided by the police.

Two women, one from China and the other from Thailand, as well as two local men, believed to be pimps, were picked up in the 2am raid.

Clients are picked at random by the pimps who loiter at the parking lots and approach those who park outside their premises.

Reporters went to one such "cinema" and saw about 20 women in the two-way "aquariums".

Some were from Vietnam, the Philippines, Thailand and the others, from China.

The reporters claimed that the women from China, meant only for Chinese-speaking clients, were available at a rate of RM150 for a half-hour sex session while the others were available for RM90.

One reporter, after choosing a Vietnamese woman, followed her into a room with an attached bathroom. Apparently, for RM400 (S\$159.70), he could have her for the entire night.

Ipoh police chief Asst Comm Sum Cheng Keong said they would continue to be on alert for such vice dens with the assistance of the local authorities.

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