

A great place for Janet



POPULAR MEETING PLACE: Opera singer Janet Lee at the BSC

Spotted at **bSC**
BANGSAR SHOPPING CENTRE

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KUALA LUMPUR: You meet all sorts of people at the Bangsar Shopping Centre (BSC). They range from politicians, businessmen and celebrities to the occasional opera singer.

Janet Lee, part of the cast of the upcoming *M! the Opera*, was spotted having a smoothie at BSC's Austin Chase before rehearsal.

"I'm having my pre-rehearsal meal," she said. "I like the banana and strawberry smoothie. It's quite filling."

Lee occasionally drops by the BSC after rehearsals at Jalan Liku.

"Sometimes, a few of the cast of *M! the Opera* would be here," she said. "I've been coming here more often in the past year. This place has become a popular meeting place. I come here to have dinner, or meet up with friends before watching a show at The Actors Studio upstairs."

"When I go out with my girlfriends on a girls' night out, we would go to Chill's for dinner and talk all night long. I think I also 'blogged' about BSC. It's about my shopping experience at the mall."

Lee said the availability of reasonably priced goods is among the attractions at BSC.

"Yeah, I must say BSC is full of surprises," said the singer. "I thought that since it is located in Bangsar, it would cater to the rich. However, many of the items here are not overly expensive."

"For example, I think that the supermarket is great. I love it because they have all the good cheese and they're not that expensive."

"Even struggling artistes like me can afford to throw a few fancy lunches. I stay in Kelana Jaya, and the two grocery outlets I go to don't even have milk! I'd look for a particular brand and it would not be there."

That's not all. Lee finds the fashion sense of the people at the shopping mall "quite amazing".

"I find that some of the clothes they sell here are rather unique. Still, when the people here walk around in them, it works! They make the outfits work."

From Intoxi-Kate, which caters to a younger set, to the more 'mature' boutiques selling clothes of traditional design, Lee finds their outfits fascinating.

"I'm a struggling artiste, so I stick to the more affordable shops," she said. "What I like about BSC is the atmosphere. I find it quite relaxing and not as obtrusive as most shopping malls in some parts of the city."



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