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CITY OF DREAMS MANILA BAGS 32 MEDALS AT THE PHILIPPINE CULINARY CUP



City of Dreams Manila's chefs who won 32 medals in 13 categories at the Philippine Culinary Cup are shown above with Chief Operating Officer Kevin Benning (center, top row).

September 13, 2019 – City of Dreams Manila's talented chefs victoriously emerged as medalists at the recently concluded Philippine Culinary Cup (PCC), considered as the country's most prestigious culinary competition. Twenty-six chefs bagged a total of 32 medals in 13 categories during the four-day cooking competition at the World Food Expo held at SMX Convention Center.

"We couldn't be prouder of our chefs who showcased exemplary talent in a well-respected culinary competition. This recognition is a testament to the immense skills of our culinary team, who also act as the driving force in making City of Dreams Manila a dining destination, as they never fail to create a standout dining experience for our guests," Kevin Benning, City of Dreams Manila's Chief Operating Officer shared.

Twenty-three-year-old Rier Franco and 25-year-old Jomari Miranda headlined the list of winners, whose gold medals in the Young Chefs Team Challenge category, will make them compete soon at the 2019 Shanghai International Young Chef Cup to be held at Shanghai New International Expo Centre on November 12 to 14, 2019.

Along with Franco and Miranda, City of Dreams Manila's other stellar chefs who won gold medals are Javier Honofre, Guk Cho "Peter", and Drigo Lim in the U.S. Potato, Pasta, and Creative Breakfast categories, respectively.

Silver medalists were Allan Delos Santos, Carol Maximo, Drigo Lim, Jerald Bulaong, Jelord Advincula, Kathleen Magaoay, Rier Franco, Loui Sabino, Darylle Tamago, Mary Grace Gajol, Jeffrey Casauau, Aaron Laroga, and Jemaico Zurbito in six categories: Pasta, U.S. Beef, Dream Team Challenge, Sous Vide, U.S. Beef and Filipino Challenge.

On the other hand, Herbert De Leon, Francis Ivan Tabilog, June Ian Lovino, Trisha Embradura, Nerissa Perez, Yong Iin Chua, Julius Javin, Kevin Raymundo, Maureen Servo, and Elbert Maranan took home bronze medals in seven categories: Filipino Challenge, U.S. Lamb, U.S. Pork Chinese Style Cooking, U.S. Poultry, Dress the Cake, French Touch and Creative Breakfast.

The Philippine Culinary Cup, endorsed by the World Association of Chefs Societies, is an annual culinary competition organized by the LTB Chefs Association of the Philippines, the Pastry Alliance of the Philippines, and PEPTarsus Corp. to provide Filipino chefs an internationally recognized platform to showcase their talents and hone their skills. About 1, 200 chefs competed in the 2019 competition.

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About City of Dreams Manila

The luxury integrated casino resort City of Dreams Manila marks the formal entry of Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited into the fast-growing and dynamic tourism industry in the Philippines. Officially opened in February 2015, City of Dreams Manila is operated by Melco Resorts Leisure (PHP) Corporation, a subsidiary of Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation.

The dynamic and innovative resort complex, located on an approximately 6.2-hectare site at the gateway to Entertainment City in Parañaque, includes the ultimate in entertainment, hotel, retail and dining and lifestyle experiences with aggregated gaming space, including VIP and mass-market gaming facilities with approximately 380 gaming tables, 2,300 slot machines and 1,280 electronic table games.

The integrated resort features three luxury hotel brands: Nüwa Manila, ranked Five-Star by Forbes Travel Guide in 2018 and 2019 which also named it one of the World's Most Luxurious Hotels in 2018, and Forbes Travel Guide Four-Star awardees Nobu and Hyatt Regency, more than 20 impressive restaurants and bars, and distinctive entertainment venues, including: the family entertainment center DreamPlay, the world's first DreamWorks-themed interactive play space and The Garage, a VR Zone and food park.

City of Dreams Manila delivers an unparalleled entertainment and hospitality experience to the Philippines and is playing a key role in strengthening the depth and diversity of Manila's leisure, business and tourism offering, enhancing its growing position as one of Asia's premier leisure destinations. For more information, please visit cityofdreamsmanila.com.

About Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation

Integrated casino developer Melco Resorts and Entertainment (Philippines) Corporation is a subsidiary of Melco Resorts & Entertainment Limited (NASDAQ:"MLCO"), the developer, owner and operator of casino gaming and entertainment casino resort facilities in Asia and Europe. It developed City of Dreams Manila, which is managed and operated by Melco Resorts Leisure (PHP) Corporation.

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