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British PM Gets To Know About Millennium Mayfair



Annie McKale (left) chats with British Prime Minister David Cameron about Millennium London Mayfair.

Annie McKale, PR Manager of Millennium London Mayfair, recently met with British Prime Minister David Cameron when she attended a private reception of 100 guests at 10 Downing Street. She was part of the exclusive party because she helps the organization with various events that were held at the Millennium Mayfair.

The reception was organized by Spirit of London which aims to decrease teen gang and violence, and introduces them to other activities such as sports, music and art. It was held at 10 Downing Street, the headquarters of the British Queen's government, and the official residence and office of the Prime Minister.

When Mr. Cameron asked Annie where she worked, she told him about Millennium London Mayfair and its restaurant Avista, and even invited him to make a visit. To that, he said he would tell his wife, Samantha who is an avid fan of Italian cuisine.

CDL Joins Hands With North West CDC And Community Partners To Uplift Lives Of Needy And Elderly



CDL volunteers hard at work, but all smiles nonetheless as they go around Blocks 3 and 4 Marsiling Road delivering food packs to its residents.



Mr. Hawazi Daipi (extreme left), Dr. Teo Ho Pin (seated, second from right) and community partners including CDL's Group General Manager Mr. Chia Ngiang Hong (seated, third from right), visit an elderly resident to deliver a food pack and a Lunar New Year calligraphy scroll.

Despite it being a wet morning, it was hard to dampen the spirits of residents from the rental flats at Blk 3 and 4 Marsiling Road as they gathered excitedly for a morning of fanfare and activities. The occasion: The Official Launch of the North West Care & Repair @ Marsiling programme, held on 19 January.

Under the North West Care & Repair @ Marsiling programme, partners CDL and Nanyang Girls' High School (NYGH), together with the support of Marsiling Grassroots Organisations and Sunlove-Marsiling Neighbourhood Link, officially adopted the rental flats at Blk 3 and 4 Marsiling Road for a period of one year.

A key role as a partner in this programme is to carry out befriending and to organise regular activities to uplift their lives of needy families and vulnerable elderly in these two rental blocks.

The Official Launch was graced by Guest-of-Honour Mr Hawazi Daipi, who is the Senior Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Manpower, and MP for Sembawang GRC (Marsiling), and the Mayor of North West District, Dr Teo Ho Pin. Joining them were representatives from the other community partners as well as the three advisors of CDL's City Sunshine Club (CSC) – CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, Head of CSR Ms Esther An and Head of Corporate Development, Mr Kwek Eik Sheng.

For the Official Launch, CDL sponsored some 900 food packs containing daily necessities as well as Lunar New Year goodies for residents of the rental flats, which CSC volunteers helped to distribute and deliver.

Mr Hawazi, Dr Teo and representatives of the community partners also visited and personally hand-delivered food packs to the homes of three residents who were not as mobile. Elsewhere, activity booths such as calligraphy, games and lantern making stations were set up at the void deck as well, manned by teachers and students of NYGH. Judging by the boisterous atmosphere and smiles on the faces of both young and old, it was clear that everyone were having fun.

The Official Launch of the North West Care & Repair @ Marsiling programme comes as a continuation of CDL's Staff Day held on 17 November 2012 where over 200 CDL staff painted murals at the Marsiling children's playground and refurbished 15 rental flats at Blk 3 & 4 Marsiling Road. Upcoming activities planned for residents of the rental blocks include a Chingay Parade outing as well as a zoo excursion for children during the June school holidays.

J's Salon Opens At Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel

J's Salon at Goodwood Park Hotel has recently re-located to Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel in November this year.

The salon has been offering a private and exclusive haircare experience since 1987 and it carries a comprehensive range of L'OREAL hair colours in its Colour Bar, a VIP Area specially designed with your comfort and privacy in mind, as well as Sensation K, a passageway which serves to separate the bustle of the salon from the tranquility of Kérastase Hair and Scalp Institute. The Kérastase Hair and Scalp Institute is managed by the same J's Salon team and housed within the same premises.

J's service approach is systematic, scientific yet delightful to your senses. While the therapists restore, repair and rejuvenate your hair and scalp, you are massaged into your exclusive slice of beauty haven. Awake refreshed with your healthy hair and gorgeous look, bathed in luxury.

J's Salon also houses Lancome Beauty Institute. The institute boasts a wide range of skincare and beauty services. Experience cutting edge technology and revitalise yourself with Lancôme's signature facial treatments.

Aroma, music and chromotherapy come together as one to create the perfect aesthetic fusion that's provided by Lancôme's team of skilled virtuosos.

Located at Level 3, the salon operates from 10am to 10pm daily. For enquiries and booking, please call +65 6738 8488 / + 65 6834 0012 or email appt@js.com.sg.



J's service approach is systematic, scientific yet delightful to your senses.



J Salon at Grand Copthorne Waterfront comes with a view to create the perfect aesthetic fusion by Lancôme's team of skilled virtuosos.

Lauded Chef Park Of Millennium Seoul Hilton



Executive Chef Hyo Nam Park (pictured left) of Millennium Seoul Hilton was recently featured in a 2-page article in The Chosun Ilbo, Korea's leading national newspaper. With a daily circulation of 2.5 million, this daily publication highlighted Chef Park's culinary background and included personal stories that helped him become not just a chef, but one of the most laudable and respected chefs in Korea.

Chef Park helms the kitchen of Seasons, the hotel's upscale French restaurant.

Thai Welcome For Dignitaries



Denis Martin, Executive Assistant Manager, Grand Millennium Sukhumvit (right) recently welcomed Thailand Minister of Education Pongthep Thepkajana (left) who presided over the 34th SEAMEO High Officials Meeting, organized by the SEAMEO Secretariat and Thai Ministry of Education. The event was attended by 137 participants from 18 countries, and also include international organizations such as UNESCO Bangkok, ASEAN Secretariat, Japanese Ministry of Education, and Korean Education Development Institute.

Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) is an international organization established in 1965 among governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture in Southeast Asia.



General Manager Thomas Christiansen (2nd from left) and Director of Catering, Ms. Nitnatcha Pacharapongporn gave a warm welcome to Malaysian Ambassador Nazirah binti Hussain (centre) who was in the Thai capital for a JICA project for the ASEAN University Network, held in the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Japan International Cooperation Agency is an independent governmental agency that coordinates and assists with economic and social growth in developing countries via international cooperation.

W Hotel Presents MADONNA: A Transformational Exhibition

W Singapore – Sentosa Cove had the privilege of presenting *MADONNA: A Transformational Exhibition* recently. The exclusive travelling, multi-media exhibition featured never-before-seen photographs of the music and fashion legend's iconic 1980s street style shot by celebrated photographers Richard Corman and George DuBose.

The exhibit, which combined music, photography and pop culture, was transformed during the event by famed New York City street artist Alec Monopoly with his signature style.



New York City street artist Alec Monopoly (left) and celebrated photographer Richard Corman posing in front of one of their works.

CDLHT Acquires Maldives Resort

CDL Hospitality Trusts (CDLHT) has acquired the Angsana Velavaru in the Maldives for US\$71 million (approximately S\$86.8 million) from Banyan Tree Holdings. This marks its first resort acquisition and maiden foray into the Maldives.

The deal includes a sale-and-leaseback agreement that allows the Angsana Velavaru to continue to be operated under the Angsana brand.

The Maldives is a nation of coral islands scattered across the Indian Ocean, consisting of 26 natural atolls with over 1,100 islands. Maldives' tropical climate, white beaches, rich marine environment, and "one-island-one-resort" concept, have firmly established the island paradise as a top-tier destination for luxury tourism.

The resort is a 40-minute seaplane journey away from Male International Airport. Angsana Velavaru occupies a land area of around 67,717 square metres. An upmarket resort, it comprises 79 beachfront villas and 34 water villas, providing guests the opportunity to enjoy two distinct experiences at one resort.

Angsana Velavaru is the first resort to introduce the concept of standalone water villas, which are exclusively positioned at the edge of the reef about one kilometer away from the main island. The resort also boasts a host of facilities such as the Angsana Spa, the Marine Conservation Lab, the Kids Club, and a dive centre, offering guests a variety of activities that cater to the interests of adults, kids, and families. Guests are also able to indulge in a wide array of culinary options ranging from European to Asian cuisines at any of the Resort's restaurants or within the private setting of a nearby picnic island.

"Our first resort acquisition will allow us to participate in the buoyant hospitality sector of Maldives and capitalize on the trend of rising affluence of Asian travelers and the growing demand for premium resort experience," said Mr. Vincent Yeo, CEO of M&C REIT Management, the manager of CDL H-REIT.



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A vision of peace and serenity greets you as one enters the lobby of the InOcean villa.



Located in the southern part of the Maldives archipelago in the South Nilandhe Atoll, Angsana Velavaru occupies the island of Velavaru, one of the more intimate lagoons in the Maldives.

M&C Acquires Korean Land

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc (M&C) today announces that it has entered into a conditional sale and purchase agreement with Woo Yang Industrial Development Co., Ltd to acquire a plot of land with a total area of 1,563.7 square metres. The land is located adjacent to the Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel in Korea, for a cash consideration of KW29.5 billion (around £17.23m).

The Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel is owned by M&C. Completion is expected to take place in the second quarter of 2013 and is subject to certain terms and conditions being met.

"This is an exciting site for us to acquire as it is located immediately adjacent to our Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel. The site has a lot of potential which I foresee will give M&C plenty of synergies and value to our operations in Seoul," said M&C Chairman Mr. Kwek Leng Beng.

M&C will develop detailed plans to build hospitality facilities on the site complementary to the Millennium Seoul Hilton, following further studies with architects and other external consultants.

Marriott CEO Arne Sorenson Visits JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

The hotel recently had the privilege of welcoming Mr Sorenson to Hong Kong on 10 January. Prior to his trip to the city, he joined Marriott and government officials at the grand opening of the Shanghai Marriott Hotel Pudong East, the flagship brand's 14th hotel in China. It was indeed a great honour for the team to meet Mr Sorenson in person!



From left: Marriott International Inc, President and CEO Arne Sorenson and Mark Conklin General Manager, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Millennium Abu Dhabi Chosen As Venue For EGYPTAIR Signing



Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi was chosen as the venue for the signing of an agreement between EGYPTAIR and the Egyptian Businessmen Board in Abu Dhabi. The agreement is a first between EGYPTAIR and the Council, which covers a number of exclusive and special services offered to members through both EGYPTAIR and Flash Travel and Tourism.

(L-R) General Manager Ruprecht Schmitz with Mr. Mohamed EL Sawi, Managing Director of Flash Travel and Tourism, Mr. Maher Lamei, Chairman of the Egyptian Businessmen Board and Mr. Ehab Gouda, EGYPTAIR Manager of Office of Abu Dhabi & Al Ain.

Millennium Madejski Hosts Pride Of Reading Awards

The ninth annual Pride of Reading Awards kicked off last week at the prestigious Madejski Stadium complex that forms part of the Millennium Madejski Hotel and Royal Berkshire Conference Centre, in Reading, UK. This is the first time that this annual event has been hosted at the venue but attendees said that it was the perfect backdrop for the emotional afternoon.

The star studded affair was hosted by Chris Tarrant, who is also the presenter of UK's "Who wants to be a Millionaire". Other celebrities include Reading Football Clubs, Sir John Madejski, Debbie MacGee, Reading's Olympians Zac Purchase, Chris Mears, Katie Clark, and Katie Skelton.

Guest were also treated to a half-time performance from X Factor star Danyl Johnson and winner of the 2012 "Has Reading Got Talent" competition, Abi Bowden.



The ninth annual Pride of Reading Awards held for the first time at Madejski Stadium, which is part of Millennium Madejski Hotel.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront, First To Offer Healthy Wedding Menus



From left: Marcus Lai, Sous Chef (Chinese cuisine) of Unilever Food Solutions, David Toh, GCW Executive Chef, and Chong Chio Meng, GCW Chinese Banquet Chef.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel (GCW) is the first hotel in Singapore to offer a Healthier Wedding Banquet Menu, replacing frying and deep frying with steaming and boiling. This new menu will be launched in January 2013.

This is a collaboration between Unilever Food Solutions and Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel and the menu has already received the stamp of endorsement from the Health Promotion Board for its reduced levels of sodium.

For more information on our Healthier Banquet Menu, please call our Wedding Team at 6233 1199 or email weddings@grandcopthorne.com.sg

Unveiling Of New Fish Bar At JW Marriott Hong Kong

Experience brand new alfresco dining at Fish Bar (pictured right). Revamped with modern interiors and an extended seating area, the restaurant also includes an exciting showcase kitchen; offering an array of sustainable seafood and daily fresh catch as well as new menus by Australian chef, Atifa Prinsloo and her team.

By June 2013, guests can also look forward to a new pool bar and lounge set adjacent to Fish Bar, featuring a wide selection of signature cocktails and snacks. The area also offers an ideal venue for any social and corporate events.



Millennium Vee Hotel Opens Central Taiwan's First Rooftop Lounge



Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung recently opened central Taiwan's first rooftop lounge. Offering breathtaking views of Taichung city and creative cocktail concoctions, Moonlight-Sky Bar is the ideal location for an intimate rendezvous or for a night out with friends.

Enjoy a cosy evening out under the stars at Moonlight-Sky Bar.

Congratulations

CDL Receives Global Recognition For Its Sustainability Efforts



CDL has emerged as the top-ranked company in Singapore and Asia (excluding Japan) in the Corporate Knights Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World. It jumped 10 places from 62nd position last year to 52nd in 2013.

Its appearance on the well-regarded rankings also makes CDL the only Singapore company to be listed on this global benchmark for the fourth consecutive year. The results of this annual ranking were announced on 23 January in Switzerland, at the Davos World Economic Forum.

Of this recognition, Mr Kwek Leng Joo, Managing Director of CDL said, "We are honoured and humbled to be a listed on the Global 100 for the fourth consecutive year and to plant Singapore's flag on the global map for sustainability."

Our improved rankings in Asia and at home, reflect our convictions that it is essential to integrate sustainability into our corporate DNA and operations. This recognition puts us amongst best-in-class corporations worldwide and spurs us to improve on our sustainability efforts. More importantly, our inclusion in the rankings means that Singapore is represented amongst top global sustainability cities."

Corporate Knights is an independent Toronto-based media and investment research company that was recently recognised as the world's most credible corporate sustainability ranking. Launched in 2005, it consists of the 100 top-performing stocks worldwide on a range of sector-specific sustainability metrics and is considered the most extensive corporate sustainability assessment in existence.

A key area CDL has been championing is in dedicated sustainability reporting. It was the first local company in 2008 to publish a report successfully checked by the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), using its G3 Guidelines. GRI is the world's most widely-used sustainability reporting framework for organisations to measure and report their economic, environmental and social performance. In 2012, CDL's Sustainability Report titled "Ideas, Initiatives, Impacts", was the first GRI-checked Level A+ Sustainability Report that used the GRI G3.1 guidelines and the Construction and Real Estate Sector Supplement (CRESS) successfully published by a Singapore property developer.

For years, CDL has also successfully achieved financial objectives while concurrently fulfilling corporate citizenry responsibilities through the Triple Bottom Line approach of balancing financial performance with long-term environmental and social targets such as championing green building in Singapore and through dedicated programmes that help the needy in society, enhance youth development and promote the arts. These combined efforts have led to CDL being the first Singapore company recognised on three sustainability benchmarks – the FTSE4Good Index Series since 2002, the Global 100 since 2010 and the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes since 2011.

St. Regis Gets The Gold

Kudos to St. Regis Singapore and its management team for achieving gold standard in the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List 2013 for the second year running. As the only hotel in Singapore to be awarded with this accolade for two consecutive years, the achievement further emphasizes its position as a leading hotel that delivers bespoke and world-class hospitality at its finest.

Voted by over 47,000 of readers through its annual Readers' Choice survey, the Condé Nast Traveler Gold List 2013 showcases more than 500 hotels in the world that embodies excellence in service and experience. It is only one of two hotels in Singapore to have made it to the Gold List. The St. Regis Singapore was also voted as #7 Best Hotel in Southeast Asia in 2012.

In celebration of its proud win, The St. Regis Singapore presents a celebratory package that exemplifies the rich legacy of artistic tradition and uncompromising luxury – 20% reduction on the best available weekend rate from now until 28 February 2013. Book this exclusive celebratory package online, with rates beginning at S\$416++ for a Penthouse Room, S\$ 560++ for a St. Regis Suite, and S\$680++ for a Caroline Astor Suite, inclusive of exclusive lifestyle privileges.



St. Regis Singapore, the embodiment of service and experience, is one of two Singapore hotels on the 2013 Condé Nast Traveller Gold List.

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Wins Gold Circle Award



Grand Millennium Sukhumvit was recently announced a winner of Agoda's "Gold Circle Awards 2012", which recognizes hotels that lead by example in the competitive hospitality industry.

Launched in 2009, the awards are recognized as a mark of excellence in online distribution. Winners are chosen for their outstanding performance on Agoda.com, their commitment to online revenue management, and consistently offering great value at a fair price to Agoda.com customers.

Agoda.com is Asia's leading hotel booking site and part of Nasdaq-listed Priceline Group, that provides online hotel reservations services for properties primarily focused in the Asia Pacific Region. It has offices from Singapore, Bangkok, and Hong Kong to Sydney, Tokyo, and Manila.

Millennium Harbourview Named Warmest Service Business Hotel In Xiamen

The Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen was recently awarded the Warmest Service Business Hotel in the “2012 Xiamen Top Hotels Oscar Activity”.

The award, organised by Xiamen Tourism Bureau & Xiamen Daily Newspaper, recognises the hospitality industry with a holistic approach beyond the traditional star rating concept. Apart from strict selection criteria by the judging panel, thousands of votes were also casted with interactive activities in Weibo, a Chinese microblogging site.



Staff of Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen proudly showing off their well-deserved award.

Philip Ting, Chief Executive Officer Of Hong Leong Asia

Mr. Philip Ting is a known name in Hong Leong Asia's group of companies.

Prior to his current appointment as the CEO of Hong Leong Asia, he was the Group CEO and Executive Director of Tasek Corporation. Before that, he was the Group General Manager of Hong Leong Corporation Holdings in 2008.

Mr. Ting was also Group Chief Financial Officer of Hong Leong Asia from 2002 to 2008. Before that, he was the Chief Financial Officer of China Yuchai and Hong Leong Corporation Limited (now known as Hong Leong China Limited) from 1994 to 2007 and from 1994 to 2001 respectively.

He also brings with him over 25 years of experience as a financial controller in various companies including Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft (Singapore) and Bank of Montreal, Singapore.



Sherman Kwek, New And Youngest Member of SCCC

Mr. Sherman Kwek, Chief Executive Officer of CDL China, was recently elected to the 57th Council of the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCCI), the largest business chamber of Singapore. He will officially take up the appointment on 15th March, 2013.

Established in 1906, SCCCI is an internationally renowned business organization and the founder of the biennial World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention and the World Chinese Business Network, a global online business information portal.

SCCCI has a membership network of 4,000 companies and 146 trade associations that include large financial and business organisations, multinational corporations, government-linked companies, as well as small and medium enterprises from a wide spectrum of trades and industries. Together they develop an influential global Chinese business network for business, education, culture, and community development.

Elections for council positions are held every two years. Mr. Kwek is one of 13 new members elected and also the youngest council member in the history of SCCCI.

"I hope to use this platform to interact with China and bring closer economic and social ties with Singapore. I feel China will develop rapidly as Xi Jinping and incoming premier, Li Keqiang pursue reforms," he said.

Mr. Kwek is the son of Hong Leong Group Executive Chairman Mr. Kwek Leng Beng, and the nephew of Mr Kwek Leng Joo, one of the longest serving Presidents of SCCCI who served four terms and stepped down in 2005.



Play

New Year's Concert At Copthorne Hotel Hannover



Opus112 in the ballroom of the Copthorne Hotel Hannover

The Hannover Fire Brigade's Symphony Orchestra, Opus112, recently held its New Years Concert at the Copthorne Hotel Hannover in Laatzen, Germany. Over 400 hundred guests enjoyed classical music traditionally played at New Years concerts in Continental Europe.

This is the second consecutive year that Opus112 chose the Copthorne Hannover as venue for their New Years Concert.

The music programme was identical to the classical tunes that the 56-piece orchestra played during a 10 day tour throughout China. Opus112 was invited by the Chinese Ministry of Culture to give 10 concerts in various cities, from Changchun (Jilin) in the north to Changsa (Hunan) in the south, covering some 25,000 kilometres in 8 provinces. Each concert saw an audience of between 1000 to 2000 people.

While in China, the orchestra also did some sightseeing, including the Forbidden City in Beijing, the Great Wall of China, and the Panda Research Center in Chengdu.

Birmingham's Hitting All The Right Notes

Birmingham musical history is one to be proud of with artists such as Black Sabbath, Led Zeppelin and Steve Winwood all heralding from England's 2nd city.

These musical routes brought New York's own Jimmy Lloyd, the host of The Jimmy Lloyd Songwriters Showcase which airs weekly on NBC, to the Copthorne Hotel Birmingham to film a U.K. special edition.

The General Manager of the Copthorne Hotel Birmingham, Mat Williams welcomed both Jimmy and Barry Tomes CEO of Gotham Records who both stayed and auditioned some of the U.K.'s top song writing talent at the hotel. Mr Tomes & Mr Lloyd have emailed since their departure,

"Thank you to all your staff, especially from Brooke Henderson (show researcher), who said the hotel felt like home for her 2 week stay"

The showcase will be aired on the National Broadcasting Channel in the USA in early 2013.



From Left: Copthorne Birmingham General Manager, Mat Williams; songwriter Jimmy Lloyd; Gotham Records CEO, Barry Tomes.

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong Staff & Family X'mas Party



Associates and their family members were treated to a joyous festive celebration complete with delicious food prepared by the JW culinary team, fabulous lucky draw prizes and exciting children's activities, including a family quiz about water conservation and environmental protection (pictured left); with the aim of enhancing children's awareness towards the environment. Those with the correct answers were awarded with prizes. Everyone had a great time!

A Fired-Up Thanksgiving

A holiday tradition, the Millennium Bostonian Hotel celebrated Thanksgiving by honouring Boston Fire House Engine #8 and Ladder #1 with a complete Thanksgiving dinner.

The firemen arrived by fire truck and were welcomed by Executive Chef Julia Brandt (first row, centre in a chef's hat) and Restaurant Manager Melissa Stevens (second row, left corner) in front of North 26 Restaurant & Bar. For the festivities, Executive Chef Julia Brandt and his culinary team prepared a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings for 10 Fireman on duty.

Also on Thanksgiving Day, the Bostonian served approx 150 guests for a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner to guests inside at North 26 Restaurant & Bar.



Celebrities At Singapore Hotels

Millennium & Copthorne hotels in Singapore saw a flurry of activity recently as celebrities graced the hotels for several events.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel is honoured to host popular South Korean girl group, 2NE1 when the members were here for Global Tour [New Evolution] in Singapore. Seen here is our General Manager, Mr Colin Wang (centre) with the vivacious 2NE1 members.



Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel is pleased to host popular Taiwanese celebrities Ko Chen-Tung (right) and Kuo Shu Yau (centre). Seen here is our General Manager, Mr Colin Wang (left) with the stars.

Orchard Hotel Singapore



Dr Jessie Chung (left), a transgender singer/actress from Malaysia, held a press conference to promote her latest album.



General Manager Andrew Tan (third from left) with staff of Orchard Hotel Singapore posing with Korean K Pop star Jay Park (centre with cap) at the OHS Corporate Clients Appreciation Party..

Orchard Hotel Singapore



M Hotel's assistant sales director Karen Lim (left) with Chinese singer Della, better known as Ding Dang in her native country.

Millennium Abu Dhabi Goes Greek

Dinner at Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi's Cristal turned into a Greek affair as the outlet hosted two evenings of Greek fanfare.

Kariatidis, a famous Corfu band, entertained guests with a Greek dancing extravaganza. Guests enjoyed the evening savouring various typical Greek gastronomic dishes and dancing up a storm on the dance floor.



Nevine Albert, Director of Public Relations & Communications (centre) with the members of Kariatidis.

Meals & Deals

Lunar New Year Festive Delights

The Lunar New Year is an occasion for families to gather for the annual reunion dinner and indulge in a delightful spread of sumptuous food. Below is a selection of food offerings from our hotel partners.

Orchard Hotel



Hua Ting Restaurant

Hua Ting's Prosperity Dinner Set menus are filled with traditional Lunar New Year favourites and signature dishes by award winning chef Chan Kwok. From \$98 per pax for eight to nine courses, the menu offers specialty dishes like Pan-fried fillet of Wagyu beef, sautéed Australian lobster with fresh lily buds, and braised Boston lobster with black truffle paste. The all-time favourite, Pen Cai or Prosperity Pot, contains a selection of premium ingredients and is freshly prepared for customers just before collection (\$328 for small and \$598 for large). Available now till Feb 24.

Hua Ting will be opened throughout Chinese New Year. For enquiries or reservations, please call (65) 6739-6666.

Copthorne King's Hotel

Tien Court

Enchant your palate with traditional dishes such as prosperity salmon and caviar Yu Sheng, braised superior shark's fin soup with crab meat, roast suckling pig, steamed spotted star garoupa with superior soya sauce crispy-fried king prawns coated with mayonnaise, fresh fruits and more.

7 and 8-course set menus are available from \$68.80++ per person. A la carte dishes are also available. For enquiries and reservations, please call (65) 6318 3193/ 198



Hotel Nikko Hong Kong



Toh Lee Chinese Restaurant will be serving up a variety of Chinese New Year specialties and Reunion Casserole set menu. Its festive dinner menu includes specialties like *sautéed lobster and tiger garoupa with water chestnut and celery, good luck salmon sashimi and vegetarian abalone, deep-fried prawns with mashed salted egg yolk and pan-fried oysters with Maggi sauce, sautéed sliced pigeon with kale, and steamed egg white with crab claws.*

The *Reunion Casserole set* menu is priced at HK\$3,600 for 4 persons and the Reunion Casserole is priced at HK\$1,680 on an a la carte basis. It is available throughout February.

For enquiries and reservations, please call (852) 2313 4225 or book online at www.hotelnikko.com.hk.

JW Marriott Hong Kong

Feast on a medley of delicious culinary creations, including traditional festive fare at award-winning Man Ho Chinese Restaurant and Marriott Café. Enjoy spectacular fireworks display at The Lounge, while indulging in international dishes from the popular dinner buffet. For those looking to enjoy a contemporary celebration, JW's California offers just the venue and enticing Seafood & Beef Extravaganza lunch buffet and special set menu to celebrate the Lunar New Year in style.

For more information, please contact (852) 2810 8366.

"YuanBao" Savings Promotion



Hong Leong Finance is celebrating Chinese New Year with an exclusive auspicious "YuanBao" to symbolize wealth and prosperity. Simply deposit S\$888 or more into a Savings Account during the promotional period and bring home the special gift for a prosperous new year!

Promotion period is from now to 23 February 2013 or while stocks last. Visit any of Hong Leong Finance branches, call (65) 6579 6777 or log onto www.hlf.com.sg for more information.

Deposit Insurance Scheme

Singapore dollar deposits of non-bank depositors are insured by the Singapore Deposit Insurance Corporation, for up to S\$50,000 in aggregate per depositor per Scheme member by law.

Love Is All Around

Spice up the romantic occasion as M&C brings you the following Valentine's Specials worldwide.

Grand Copthorne Waterfront



All the singles out there, listen up! A great opportunity awaits you on Feb 13, 7PM at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, who will play host to a singles party.

Participants can enjoy a Cheese & Wine Appreciation session which will be held at Poolside. A 4-course Wine Pairing event will be held thereafter at Pontini. Seats are limited so do sign up early to avoid disappointment!

Priced at \$160 nett per pax. To RSVP please contact Jennifer Yeo by 8 February 2013 tel: 6233 1004/98504305 or email: jennifer.yeo@milleniumhotels.com

Copthorne King's

If the way to a fair lady's heart is through her stomach, then Starscafé will be the catalyst to help you ignite the flames of passion with your loved one with our exquisite Eternity Set Dinner.

Available on 13 and 14 February, \$138++ per couple with wine. Starscafé is located at level 1, Copthorne King's Hotel. For reservations and enquiries, please call 6318 3186 or email: foodbev@copthornekings.com.sg

If you prefer a weekend getaway instead with your Valentine, make it a memorable one with a Romantic Escapade at \$238++ per room per night. It includes an enticing 3-course Valentine's Day Set Dinner for 2 served in the privacy of your room, and a relaxing one night's stay in our contemporary Deluxe Room. Wake up to a hot buffet breakfast the next morning.

Please call room reservations @ 6318 3130 / 3123 or email us at rooms@copthornekings.com.sg



Hotel Nikko Hong Kong



The hotel's romantic French restaurant, Les Célébrités, will serve a five-course candlelit Valentine's Day Special Dinner Set. Priced at HK\$900 per person, the set features scrumptious dishes such as pan-fried Tasmanian blue prawn and sea scallop with Osetra caviar, lobster consommé with tarragon cream cheese ravioli and lime-baked French brill fillet with ratatouille and saffron broth.

With a spectacular harbour view, Sky Lounge on the hotel's top floor is also serving a five-course Valentine's Day Special Dinner Set, at HK\$1,700 per couple.

Japanese food lovers can indulge at Sagano, which is offering a Valentine's Day Deluxe Kaiseki at HK\$3,000 per couple, while Toh Lee Chinese Restaurant features a Valentine's Day Dinner Set at HK\$2,180 per couple.

End the night on a sweet note with Special Cocktails at the Sky Lounge and Lobby Lounge. The Fruiti Angel and Devil Sensation is priced at HK\$98 per glass, these cocktails are available throughout February.

For reservations, please call 2313 4268, or visit www.hotelnikko.com.hk.

Grand Millennium Sukhumvit

Romance your loved one in style at Tapas Y Vino for dinner featuring traditional Spanish feast amid the lovely, vibrant atmosphere. A 5-course dinner is carefully designed by resident Spanish chef Joan Tanya to honour and welcome the festival of love. The romantic evening will also feature flamenco guitarist, "Vincent Chavez" from Spain.

Valentine's Day set dinner is priced at Baht 1,999++ per person inclusive of a glass of sparkling wine and a complimentary heart-shaped chocolate. Couples will also receive a bottle of red or white wine. Tapas Y Vino opens for dinner at 6.30 – 10.30 pm.

Reservation is essential. For reservation, please contact 0 2204 4158 or email fb@grandmillenniumskv.com



JW Marriott Hong Kong

Executive Pastry Chef, Ryan Zimmer spices up the romantic occasion with his very own creation of heart-shaped raspberry rose cake and limited edition chocolate gift set. Available for sale at Dolce 88.

In addition, couples can also look forward to a choice of distinctive venues, complemented by special menus to celebrate Valentine's Day; from a delightful buffet at Marriott Café, sumptuous set dinner at the newly renovated Fish Bar to an intimate 6-course candlelight dinner with live violin performance at JW's California.

M&C Loyalty Brings New Year Specials



Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung Welcomes You!

Located in the middle of the prestigious 7th district of Taichung, take delight in the newly launched Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung and its world-class hospitality and amenities with this special deal! Stay by **31 March 2013** and enjoy a complimentary upgrade to the next room category (subject to availability), free internet, Wi-Fi access and local newspaper!



Unveiling the New Copthorne Hotel Rotorua

The newly refurbished Copthorne Hotel Rotorua is the perfect base for an exhilarating stay in Rotorua, New Zealand! Enjoy a complimentary upgrade to a Superior Room (subject to availability) and welcome drink on arrival when you book in **January or February** for stays up until **31 December 2013!**



The Iditarod Package Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage

The Millennium Alaskan Hotel is the official hotel sponsor of the Iditarod, Alaska's longest and most exciting sled dog race. Take advantage of this exclusive opportunity to meet the mushers, watch special coverage of the race and enjoy the starting line on 2 March 2013 – up close and personal! Book this package from USD149 plus taxes and receive:

- Triple loyalty points
- Guaranteed early check-in and late check-out
- Complimentary appetizer each night
- Evening fireside chats by some of the most famous Iditarod mushers

For more information, please visit www.mnc.loyalty.com.

Ushering Lunar New Year The Hong Leong Group Way!

The Lunar New Year of the Snake falls on 10 February this year. But the festive mood was already in the air when Hong Leong Group Singapore and its member companies decided to bring lunar festivities early to several of its beneficiaries, as part of the annual auspicious celebration.



Bringing festive cheer to a 90 year old resident.

From left: Mr. Kwek Wei Hong, Director of King Hup Construction; Mr. Kwek Eik Sheng, CDL Head of Corporate Development; Mr. Sherman Kwek, CEO of CDL China; Ms. Michelle Kwek, Business Development Manager of Hong Realty; Mr. Tan Ying, CDL Head of Human Resources.



Laughter all around as Mr. Sherman Kwek (extreme right) gives a playful massage to a blind masseuse, as she massages an elderly resident.

From left: Mr. Kwek Eik Sheng, Ms. Michelle Kwek and Mr. Chia Ngiang Hong, CDL Group General Manager.

Hong Leong Foundation, the charity arm of Hong Leong Group Singapore, kicked off the series of lunar events with a visit to 60 needy elderly at Tai Pei Old People's Home. The home visit is part of Hong Leong Foundation's annual giveaway benefiting nearly 4,000 elderly needy people throughout Singapore.

Smartly decked in their Hong Leong Foundation polo T-shirt, nearly 40 staff volunteers from City Developments Limited (CDL), Hong Leong Holdings, Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C), Hong Leong Finance and Hong Realty, took time off to participate in the visit.

It was an afternoon of pampering and relaxation for the elderly residents, aged between 60 and 103. They were treated to soothing massages by qualified blind massage therapists from the Singapore Association of the Visually Handicapped (SAVH), a delicious spread of catered dim sum dishes, enjoyed a singing session by Yu Han Music Society, as well as a Chinese Opera performance by Siong Leng Musical Association.

"Hong Leong Foundation's annual event is a good way to encourage staff volunteerism. It is heart warming to see familiar, as well as new faces each year, and we appreciate them putting in the time and effort for this worthy cause," said Mr. Kwek Eik Sheng, CDL Head of Corporate Development who was part of the event organising committee.

"This year we decided to focus on spending quality time with the residents at their Home, and allow for more opportunities for one to one interactions with the volunteers. The event is unique as we work with our volunteers, SAVH, and the music groups who are the Foundation's beneficiaries, to create a memorable event for the elderly," he said.

Other senior executives at the visit include Mr. Sherman Kwek, Chief Executive Officer of CDL China; Mr. Kwek Wei Hong, Director of King Hup Construction, a subsidiary of Hong Leong Holdings; and Ms. Michelle Kwek, Business Development Manager of Hong Realty.

The visit ended on a high note when the Group volunteers gave a spontaneous performance of the popular South Korean hit Gangnam Style that brought much cheer and applause, and even got some of the elderly residents on their feet!



Entertaining the elderly residents with a spontaneous performance of the popular South Korean hit Gangnam Style.

From left: Mr. Kwek Wei Hong, Mr. Herbert Liu, a staff volunteer from Copthorne King's Hotel; Mr. Kwek Eik Sheng, Ms. Michelle Kwek, Mr. Sherman Kwek.

City Sunshine Club (CSC), CDL's employee volunteer arm, welcomed the Lunar New Year early and held a celebratory lunch at Grand Shanghai Restaurant at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel for 60 elderly beneficiaries from Henderson Senior Citizens' Home (HSCH).

The lunch was hosted by Mrs Cecilia Kwek, wife of Hong Leong Group Singapore Executive Chairman, Mr. Kwek Leng Beng, and joining her was HSCH's management committee, staff, CSC advisors Mr. Chia Ngiang Hong and Ms. Esther An, as well as CSC volunteers who interacted and chatted with the sprightly elderly over lunch.



Mrs. Cecilia Kwek, who hosted the Lunar New Year lunch, and Mr. Sherman Kwek, CEO of CDL China Limited, went around the tables to chat with the elderly residents who were in high spirits, and also distributed red packets jointly given by the Hong Leong Foundation and Mrs Kwek's personal contributions.

Entertained by a live band, singing and good food, the elderly also took back goodie bags and red packets jointly given by Hong Leong Foundation and Mrs Kwek's personal contributions.

The beneficiaries from Henderson Senior Citizens' Home wore big smiles of appreciation and the festive atmosphere had certainly hit a high as the session came to a close. Judging from the elderly's expressions, it was certainly a Lunar New Year lunch to remember.



Elderly residents from the Henderson Senior Citizens' Home kick off the Lunar New Year with the customary, well-loved lo-hei dish.

Hong Leong Holdings (HLHL) held a food distribution drive to 30 needy elderly. Since 2009, HLHL in partnership with The Lions Befriender, have been adopting the poor and elderly folks to distribute groceries to every last Friday of each month. This is part of HLHL's Corporate Social Responsibility Programme.

Keeping with the spirit of giving and the lunar festivities, hong bao or red packets are also given on top of the food distribution to represent health, wealth and good luck.

Mr. Kwek Wei Hong, Director of King Hup Construction and Senior Manager of Kingston Property Maintenance, was part of the staff volunteers in the food distribution, and also helped to hand out the red packets.

Both King Hup Construction and Kingston Property Maintenance are subsidiaries of Hong Leong Holdings.



Mr. Kwek Wei Hong (extreme right in sunglasses) joins staff volunteers from Hong Leong Holdings in their food and red packet distribution.

In Aid Of Superstorm Sandy Victims

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) whose three properties in New York were spared the full brunt of Superstorm Sandy late last year, have immersed themselves in relief projects to help affected communities.

Millennium Hilton New York partnered with the New York Area Chapter of Professional Crisis Management Association to ferry donations, assistance and holiday cheer to residents on Olympia Boulevard in Staten Island, New York.

Two other M&C hotels, Millennium Broadway Hotel New York and ONE UN New York, also helped by working with the Salvation Army to collect coats and warm clothing to distribute to the city's poor and needy children.

"We try to help where we can. Even though Hurricane Sandy happened miles away from Singapore, we are committed to reaching out to the people of New York City during these trying times and help alleviate the suffering wherever possible," said M&C Chairman Mr. Kwek Leng Beng.



M&C's three hotels in New York - Millennium Broadway (staff featured above with US Marines), ONE UN, and Millenium Hilton - partnered with the US Marine Corp's "Toys for Tots" programme, and collected a total of 150 new toys to be distributed for the needy children of New York City.

From left: General Manager, Gerald Hughes; US Marines; Housekeeping, Deon Daley; Director of Human Resources, Wei Huang.

Biltmore Lights Tree For Needy Kids



Wanda Chan, General Manager of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles (centre), was at the hotel's annual festive tree-lighting ceremony with representatives from HollyGrove FamiliesFirst agency, is a non-profit agency in L.A. County that has been helping children and families in crisis for almost a century.

Attending the event from Hollygrove were Catherine Cort, Director of Development (left) and Shawn Caracoza, Executive Director (right). Providing cheer to underprivileged kids, the Biltmore also donates holiday gifts to Hollygrove families every year.

The Millennium Biltmore turned on the twinkling lights of its majestic 18-foot tree on in the company of several hundred guests, clients and friends in the community, representing a tradition that the property has upheld for nearly 90 years.

Millennium Harbourview Builds Love Playground

To help improve rural school conditions, Millennium Harbourview Hotel Xiamen recently donated CNY200,000 to Zhangzhou City's Hope Engineering Fund for the construction of Xiamen Harbourview Love Playground for Zhangzhou city's Zhangpu County Nanpu Village Centre Primary School. Hotel representatives travelled to Nanpu Primary School for a formal donation ceremony as well as to unveil the Harbourview Love Playground.

Building the Love Playground highlights Millennium Harbourview Hotel's focus on education. Through this charitable event, the hotel wishes not only to encourage many students to study well, but also to encourage society to place greater emphasis on knowledge and education, the fostering of talent, and to encourage a collective sense of responsibility – for talent, education, society and the



Hotel representatives at the cheque presentation ceremony at Nanpu Primary School.

Millennium Seoul Hilton Welcomes North Korean Youth Defectors

As part of their contribution to the community during Hilton's Global Week of Service, Millennium Seoul Hilton invited 35 youths of North Korean Defectors to the hotel. The main objective of this event was to offer a fun and rewarding experience for the youths, who have a hard time adapting to a new environment.

The event was held with the cooperation of the Job School Program provided by the Ministry of Employees and Labor in Korea.

The youths were given a presentation about the Hilton brand and Millennium Seoul Hilton. A main point of focus was the various job positions existing in the hotel field. The youngsters were then invited to try on various uniforms, from Front Desk and Concierge to Food & Beverage, Kitchen, Housekeeping and Engineering.



Mr. Lee Chang Wook, Director of H.R. & G.A., giving a welcome speech to inspire the youth at the meeting room at Millennium Seoul Hilton.

The visitors were also taken on a comprehensive hotel tour, which included a demonstration on making coffee and cocktails, courtesy of the Food & Beverage department. The tour concluded with a visit to one of the hotel's largest suites, where the youths enjoyed taking pictures of the luxurious furnishing and picturesque view.

Shuttle For A Greener Environment



Committed to protect Mother Earth, Millennium Hongqiao Hotel unveils its new green shuttle buses for its airport transportation service. It is also one of the first buses in Shanghai with the Euro IV standard engines that provide for a cleaner environment.

Getting to Know You

In each issue, we cast the spotlight on one of the business sectors that make up the global world of the Hong Leong Group



Mr Benny Goh (right), HLA's EVP of Strategic Development, at the launch event of FEDDERS rebrand, with Mr. Benjamin Ng (left), General Manager of FEDDERS.



FEDDERS refrigerators are available in stainless steel, black glass and white glass (above) finishing with sleek aluminum handles.



HLA's Senior Industrial Manager, Mr. Rok Jenko, is a Red Dot designer from Europe, who is responsible for the innovation and aesthetics of the 117 year old FEDDERS brand.



Fedders offer European-designed home appliances that are sleek and minimalist to meet the lifestyle of our home owners today.

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HONG LEONG ASIA RE-LAUNCHED FEDDERS BRAND IN ASIA

Hong Leong Asia (HLA) recently re-launched the brand, FEDDERS, in China's two most important cities – Shanghai and Beijing. This represents FEDDERS' re-entry into the Asia Pacific market as a revitalized and re-energized brand. A total of over 20 media and 60 business partners attended the event in both cities.

FEDDERS is a 117 year old American brand with a strong and proud heritage. It has been a highly respected and recognized name in the provision of commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems in United States for over a century. It also boasts a fine history in its pursuit for innovation and quality. Since taking over managements rights of FEDDERS last year, HLA has reinvented the brand and product strategies, gearing it towards providing a one-stop integrated Home Solutions for the end consumer.

FEDDERS' philosophy is to deliver the best value to customers through flexible and innovative solutions and products. In its journey to meet its customer demands, FEDDERS worked with internationally renowned brand strategists and an appointed appliance design firm to refresh designs and technology. It also invited red dot designers to come up with innovative designs for its lifestyle home appliances. Red dot designers are internationally recognized for their unique and contemporary design concepts.

By leveraging on its climate control technologies from the United States, and the design know-how from Europe, FEDDERS plans to come up with more sophisticated and elegant designs for its climate control systems, refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, cooking appliances and even wine cellars.

Over time FEDDERS will continue to introduce new and exciting products to meet the lifestyle needs of our home owners today.

HLA believes that the Asia Pacific region, particularly its emerging economies, offers vast opportunities for growth. Although the primary focus is Asia, this acquisition will allow HLA to diversify beyond China and Asia.

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