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Celebrating The Year Of The Snake



Ushering in the Year of the Snake with a Lion Dance performance on Chinese New Year at the Orchard Hotel Singapore driveway, which attracted guests and visitors

Orchard Hotel held its GM Cocktail party in conjunction with Chinese New Year celebrations. The exclusive event was organized by the General Manager, Andrew Tan, to show his appreciation for the guests' patronage and support for the hotel, and also bring a bit of good fortune to everyone with a lo hei session. It was also a great opportunity for guests and staff to interact and get to know each other on a more personal basis. The staff was also able to gain honest and valuable feedback about the guests' stay at the hotel.

The hotel celebrated the first day of CNY with all staff with an exciting lion dance performance. All staff and their families were warmly invited to enjoy the festivities. Gong Xi Fa Cai!



The management team at Orchard Hotel and GM Andrew Tan (second from left) mingling with VIP and long-staying guests, along with our very own God of Fortune (far left)!

St. Regis Delights Guests With An Oriental-Style Afternoon Tea



Managing Director of The St. Regis Singapore, Mr Frank Beck, wishes all VIPs and guests a very happy New Year

The St. Regis Singapore celebrated Chinese New Year with an Oriental Afternoon Tea celebration on 17 February 2013 with a spectacular display showcasing the best of Chinese cultural arts, followed by a delightful afternoon tea specially created by Chef Eng Yew Chong, the Sous Chef of the hotel's Chinese Banquet Kitchen. The annual by-invitation only event was attended by more than 100 guests and their families.

The celebration started off with much fanfare as guests were greeted and entertained by an award-winning lion dance troupe, as they danced through the ballroom to spread good luck and happiness.

A CNY celebration is never complete without a Lo Hei ceremony. Guests cheered excitedly as they tossed their way to prosperity and greater heights, before indulging into the food, which consisted of timeless favourites and classic ingredients.

On this time-honoured occasion, two charity organizations were specially invited to join in the festivities – NTUC Eldercare and The Very Special Arts Singapore (VSA). The NTUC Eldercare is a non-profit organization set up in 1997 to provide quality and affordable eldercare services for seniors in the community. Inviting the seniors to the celebration party is a simple way in which The St. Regis Singapore stays committed to the society by giving back to the local community.

Other performances of the day included a special Erhu solo recital by Stephanie Ow from VSA and a calligraphy session. Stephanie, who is visually impaired, performed three songs – “Gong Xi Gong Xi”, “Chun Ci”, and “Da Di Hui Chun”. The CNY ended with a surprise appearance by the God of Fortune who blessed every guest with luck and prosperity as he handed out candies and chocolates while sending out New Year greetings.



Chef Lim Chong Kai (in white) stepped out of the kitchen to greet and wish VIPs a prosperous New Year with a Lo Hei ceremony

Millennium Vee Taichung Is First M&C Branded Hotel In Taiwan

On March 5, Millennium Vee Taichung celebrated its official launch ceremony with a boisterous display of artwork lit by firecrackers. The event saw a total of 500 guests attending the launch and they were entertained by the breath-taking performances put in by the artists whom the hotel collaborated with just to commemorate the event.

Said Mr. Lim Boon Kwee, Senior Vice President, Asia: "The launch of Millennium Vee Taichung is a milestone for M&C. It marks the Group's first M&C branded property in Taiwan, and will also see a strengthening of our position as a leading hotelier in Taiwan's 5-star hospitality sector."

More information on Millennium Vee can be found [here](#)



In true Taiwanese tradition, Millennium Vee Taichung opens its doors with a boisterous display of artwork lit by firecrackers. (L-R) Chairman of Taichung Markwell Group, Mr. Lai Fu Yuan; Mayor of Taichung, Mr. Hu Chi Qiang; Chief Executive of CDL China, Mr. Sherman Kwek; local Taiwanese firecracker artist, Mr. Lei Ti; Chairman of SINOCON Industrial Standards Foundation, Mr. Chen Rui Long



Mr Sherman Kwek (extreme right) giving the opening address at the launch of Millennium Vee

Millennium Sukhumvit Welcomes Dignitaries



Mr. Thomas Christiansen (second from left), Grand Millennium Sukhumvit's General Manager welcomes Mr. Abhisit Vejjajiva (extreme left), former Thai Prime Minister and current leader of Democrat Party. Mr Abhisit was the guest speaker at India -Thai Business Association function held at the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

Seen also in the photo are Ms. Pornlada Phosri, Guest Relations Manager, and Ms. Sukrtia Chomdhavat, Director of Marketing Communications.



Mr. Thomas Christiansen (right), General Manager, Grand Millennium Sukhumvit was pleased to welcome H.E. Mr. Anil Wadhwa (left), the Indian Ambassador to Thailand upon his arrival to attend the seminar held by India-Thai Business Association, which was well-attended by more than 60 Indian businessmen at the hotel's Grand Ballroom.

New Executive Lounge At Millennium Hotel At Chelsea FC

A brand new facility on the top floor of the Millennium Hotel at Chelsea FC literally takes the definition of “Executive Lounges” to new heights and sets the Millennium Hotel at Chelsea FC apart from the crowd

This private space for our “Millennium Club” guests at the hotel offers a breathtakingly stylish ambience created exclusively by the designers behind the award-winning Hoxton Hotel in London.



The Millennium Hotel at Chelsea FC is located at Stamford Bridge, the home of Chelsea Football Club and combine a unique location with style and luxury.



Furniture in earthy shades of white and tan leathers, mixed with suede, black gloss and silks come together where guests can sit back, relax and enjoy a level that is truly befitting of premier league style

CDL Achieves Highest Revenue Of SGD\$3.4 Billion For 2012



Nestled within the tranquil Pasir Ris Grove residential enclave, D'Nest will be one of CDL's three planned launches for the first half of 2013.

Likewise, the Group's overseas expansion efforts in 2012 have been fruitful. CDL China Limited, the Group's wholly-owned subsidiary, has received planning approval for its Eling Hill luxury residential development in Chongqing and its mixed-use development next to Jinji Lake in Suzhou. Construction is expected to begin in mid-2013 for these two sites. The launch of these projects will be timed appropriately when the China property market improves. The Group also acquired indirect interests in Thailand properties, namely Jungceylon Shopping Mall – the largest shopping complex on Phuket Island, Millennium Resort Patong Phuket Hotel and a retail development known as Mille Malle.

Mr Kwek Leng Beng, CDL Executive Chairman commented, "2013 remains unpredictable on the global economic front. The Group has already established some growth platforms and will build upon them. We will focus on deriving more earnings from overseas growth engines. Besides residential property development in Singapore and overseas, hotel operations is a key contributor for the Group, particularly with M&C's over 100 global hotels in key gateway cities and its hospitality REIT platform. For our China expansion, we have two vehicles namely FSCL (M&C's associate) which has established a good track record in China and upcoming projects via our wholly-owned CDL China Limited. We have also investment properties in Singapore and the region. We will study and strategise other new platforms and growth opportunities that will provide the Group with a balanced and diversified portfolio both domestically and internationally, for sustainable growth."

For the year ahead, more projects are in the pipeline, with three planned launches for the first half of 2013, subject to market conditions. These include D'Nest, a 912-unit condominium at Pasir Ris Grove, Bartley Ridge, a 868-unit condominium located along Bartley Road / Mount Vernon Road and a 616-unit condominium at Buangkok Drive / Sengkang Central. These sites are all located within short walking distance to Pasir Ris, Bartley and Buangkok MRT stations respectively.

CDL announced its unaudited financial results for the year ended 31 December 2012 (FY 2012), reporting strong residential sales from property development in Singapore despite challenging conditions. It achieved its highest revenue of SGD\$3.4 billion and posted a profit after tax and non-controlling interests of SGD\$678.3 million for FY2012.

The Group, along with joint venture associates, sold a total of 2,395 units (2011: 1,818 units) including Executive Condos (ECs), registering 58% increase in sales of approximately SGD\$2.78 billion (2011: SGD\$1.76 billion).

In 2012, it strategically secured four public land tenders. All the sites acquired are near MRT / LRT stations. The property development segment continued to be the lead contributor to the Group's earnings, followed by its hotel operations.

Lights, Camera And Action At The Millennium Biltmore Hotel

2013 marks the 90th anniversary of the Millennium Biltmore Hotel, and it kicked started its celebrations with a client appreciation event on 31 January. The Gold Room was filled with lights and camera action as soon as the guests stepped on the red carpet. A bevy of 'stars' from the 20s era such as Charlie Chaplin and Marilyn Monroe entertained and thrilled the guests amidst "paparazzi-style" photographers.

As the guests soaked in the fun and activities, the hotel's executive and sales teams took the opportunity to catch up with their corporate and other loyal customers on a more personal basis and extend their deep appreciation for their business.



"Celebrities" galore at the Biltmore

Selected Financial Results

MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE HOTELS PLC reported revenue of £768.3 million and profit before tax of £171.3 million. RevPAR was up 3.9% in the year to end-December, primarily due to a higher average room rate and a good performance in Singapore, rest of Asia and London.

HONG LEONG FINANCE announced a net profit of \$77.6 million for FY 2012. The company kept up its earlier momentum registering growth in both loans and deposits portfolios. Strong liquidity was maintained throughout the year. Loan growth was especially robust in the property development loans and SME equipment finance segments. We continued to support our growing SMEs and the niche property developers.

CDL HOSPITALITY TRUSTS (CDLHT) posted gross revenue of S\$149.5 million in FY2012, an increase of 6.0% year-on-year. RevPAR of S\$211 for the Singapore Hotels (excluding Studio M Hotel) in FY2012 was the highest recorded full year RevPAR since the inception of CDLHT. Despite the global economic downturn which has impacted the Singapore hospitality industry, the company recorded the highest full year income available for distribution (before deducting income retained for working capital) of S\$121.7 million and income to be distributed per Stapled Security (after deducting income retained for working capital) of 11.32 cents.

Congratulations

Millennium Alaska Staff Win Top Honours



Carol Fraser

Four leading staff of the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage were recognized by the Alaska Hotel and Lodging Association's Stars of the Industry Awards for their outstanding accomplishments in the lodging industry. The employees honored were: Carol Fraser: Hospitality Achievement Award; Hector Rodriguez: Outstanding Food and Beverage Employee of the Year; Edwin Delatoree: Outstanding Housekeeping Manager of the Year; and Danny Yabut: Outstanding Maintenance Employee of the Year.

The top honors of the night belonged to Fraser being recognized with the 2012 Hospitality Achievement Award for excellence in the hospitality industry. Fraser joined the Millennium Alaskan Hotel in 2012 as general manager. With more than 20 years of experience the industry, she is one of the most well-known professionals and an outstanding leader and advocate for the Alaska Tourism Industry.

"Each winner deserves this incredible recognition," said Colin Wang, cluster general manager of Millennium Hotels and Resorts. "We applaud them on their tremendous accomplishments and are proud to have them on our team at the Millennium Alaskan Hotel Anchorage."

The winners were announced at the annual Alaska Hotel & Lodging Association's Stars of the Industry Awards banquet on January 26, 2013. Alaska Hotel and Lodging Association (AKH&LA) is the leading voice and resource for Alaska's Lodging Industry. Formed in 1983, the organization represents 70% of the lodging rooms in the state as well as over 25 industry suppliers. AKH&LA is a partner state association of the American Hotel & Lodging Association (AH&LA).



Danny Yabut



Edwin Delatoree.



Hector Rodriguez

Perfect Scores For ONE UN New York



Let's hear it for the Reservations team at ONE UN New York! The team has started 2013 on a good note. Via a survey done by Hospitality Softnet, Brian Stillger, Lissette Battista and Jason Woodward were awarded perfect scores of 100% for their excellent customer service and sales efforts. In particular, Sheldon Stewart scored an exceptional 103%! Congratulations and well done.

The management and staff of ONE UN New York is extremely proud of all the four staff members for going the extra mile and delivering stellar performances, thus maintaining its high service standards to make it the top choice for hotel stays in New York.

Congratulations to all! left to right: Brian Stillger, Jason Woodward, Wayne Merdis (Manager), Lissette Batista, Lola Suckari (Manager), Adrian De Gortari (Revenue Director), Sheldon Stewart, Kate Lee (Assistant Director of Revenue.)

Play

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong Associates Enjoy A Day Of Nature

On 15 February 2013, associates were treated to "A Touch of the Nature" tour as part of the hotel's efforts to promote work life balance and associates relations activities. The group first headed to the world-class ecotourism park, Hong Kong Wetland Park for an extraordinary experience of the wide array of the wetland wildlife, such as the marshes, fish ponds, birds and lotus; followed by a romantic walk at Pak Nai to capture the sunset. Nothing else could have completed the day better than a delicious seafood dinner in Lau Fau Shen and also to buy some famous dried seafood from the local village as souvenirs for the family and friends.



JW Marriott Hong Kong staff were all smiles after a great day with nature at the Hong Kong Wetland Park

Experience The Best Of New Zealand At Rotorua

Nestled in the North Island of New Zealand is Rotorua, a city encompassed by pristine landscape, geothermal spa activity and other natural wonders such as the Lakes of Rotorua. Also known as Spa City, Rotorua is well known tourist spot for its mineral spas. Home to some of the world's best mountain biking trails, fantastic trout fishing and a myriad of forest walking tracks – Rotorua delivers it all and is only a 3 hour drive from Auckland.

Millennium Hotel Rotorua is conveniently located in the city and provides a great base for all of your Rotorua adventures.

Also seen in the seen in the photo are three staff members – Shane, Fraser and John – who are harvesting herbs such as parsley, sage and rosemary, which will be used in the hotel's Nikau restaurant.



Smokin' Hot at Studio M

It's getting hot in here! Studio M was the official venue for the 8 Days Shirtless Guys Finale. It was an evening of fun and eye candy for all guests as they were treated to great music and delectable cocktails and drinks. General Manager, Esther Wai, was definitely the luckiest and most envied lady of the night as she managed to take a group shot with all the contestants!



Esther Wan, General Manager of Studio M, sixth from left, and the hunks of 8 Days Shirtless Guys competition

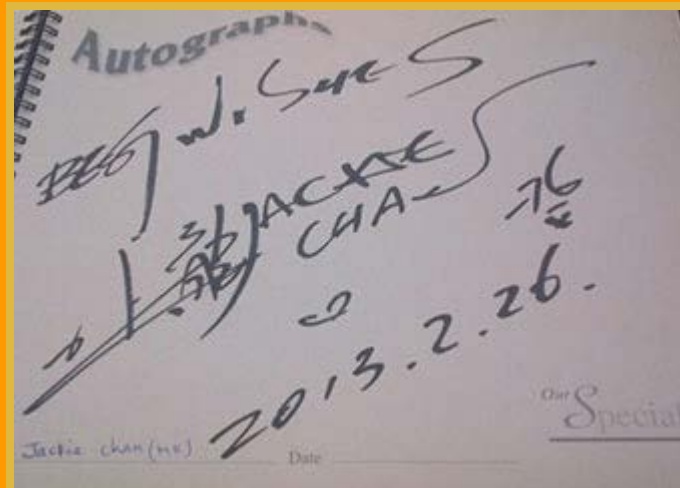
Celebrity Spotting At M Hotel

M Hotel played host to South Korean singer and TV personality Kim Jong Kook. If he looks familiar, that is because he is one of the stars in the popular variety show "Running Man". He was in Singapore for a fan-meet on 22 February. He is seen here with General Manager, Benedict Ng.



Superstar Jackie Chan Spotted At Orchard Hotel

Action superstar Jackie Chan made a personal trip to Malaysia and Singapore with 70 of his movie crew members in celebration of a successful wrap up of his new movie "CZ12" in March. Orchard Hotel Director of Marketing Communications Amy Ang and Front Office Manager Terence Ng, were fortunate to get a photo shot with the famous movie star! Sources say that he was all praises for the food at Hua Ting when his entourage dined there.



Jackie Chan was spotted at Orchard Hotel on his personal trip to Singapore and Malaysia. Here with Orchard Hotel Director of Marketing Communications Amy Ang (right) and Front Office Manager Terence Ng (left)

An Endless Summer At W Sentosa



Chill out by WET (pool) and dance it off at Endless Summer, a brand new WET Deck Party featuring an eclectic mix of dance-worthy tracks and fabulous fun on 10 March from 2pm to 8pm at W Sentosa. Groove to the beat by Aldrin, Mr Has (W Singapore – Sentosa Cove's Artistic Director) and Xuem. Renowned for his genre-bending fusion of sounds spanning from minimal to electro, tribal to progressive, tech house to techno and everything in between, Aldrin has consistently thrilled crowds of thousands with his flawless, big room sets. Revel in pulsating tunes by Artistic Director Mr Has as he electrifies the dance floor with and continues the weekend party mood.

Tickets priced at \$35++ per person, includes one drink and access to WET. For tickets and information, email woobar.singapore@whotels.com or call 6808 7258.

WOOBAR Glams Up High Tea With T²

WOOBAR presents DROP THE T², a glamorous high-tea experience happening daily from 3-5pm that features an exquisite selection of Dilmah's finest tea and savory delights served up in a silver bird cage with a whimsical touch. Fancy a Tart or have a Sweet Tooth? We have the perfect treat for you.

Choose your favorite tea set to be served alongside for a truly unique high tea session. The glamorous high-tea set, served on a decorative bird cage, is priced at S\$58++ for two persons. So chill out with the backdrop of the marina and yachts at WOOBAR and relax in style.

Together with Dilmah, WOOBAR presents the Dilmah Seasonal Flush – which features an exotic tea blend that is only harvested when it embodies the perfect tea terroir and taste. The award-winning Dilmah Seasonal Flush: Dickwella Estate Pekoe 1 is a rare and delicate tea with hints of eucalyptus, mint, lemon and thyme in fine marriage, a true tea connoisseur's dream.

The Dilmah Seasonal Flush will be available in Singapore for the first time and will be available exclusively at WOOBAR during Drop the T² sessions daily.

Call 6808 7258 or email woobar.singapore@whotels.com for reservations. DROP THE T² happens daily from 3-5pm at WOOBAR.



The award-winning Dilmah Seasonal Flush is available exclusively at WOOBAR



Chill out, relax and enjoy an exquisite high-tea session, complete with a seaview

Easter Treats At Our Hotels Around The World

In celebration of the long Easter weekend, our hotels have in store a variety of treats just for you and your family. Here is a selection:



JW Marriot Hotel

Executive Pastry Chef at Dolce 88, Ryan Zimmer, presents a delightful selection of Easter savouries from 1 to 31 March. Special highlights include *carrot sponge cake with cream cheese mousse, candied walnut cream and raisin jam*; and *Easter egg with mango, yolk and coconut mousse*. Dolce 88 also offers an assortment of specialty cakes to indulge during this special occasion with the family.

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



Grand Millennium Sukhumvit

Bask in the joy Easter brings by indulging in a hearty brunch on Sunday, 31st March at Atelier, Grand Millennium Sukhumvit. Enjoy a sumptuous Easter-themed spread of gourmet appetizers including French bread, salad and cold cut alongside a selection of indulgent offerings of shucked oysters, Alaskan king crab, sushi and sashimi and a foie gras station.

For the main course, let the chefs tempt you with their 'live' carving station serving up the most succulent of Roasted Prime Ribs. Round off the evening with desserts and homemade chocolate for yourself and the little ones. Children can also look forward to chocolate Easter eggs and bunnies to take home!

Easter Brunch is priced at Bt 1,500++ per person and available from 12.00 - 15.30 hrs including unlimited sparkling wine, house wine, local beer, fruit juice, and soft drinks.

A group of 4 paying adults will only pay for 2! Please call 0 2204 4161 or email fb@grandmillenniumskv.com for reservations.

Copthorne King's Hotel

Enjoy a weekend stay with your family at Copthorne King's Hotel at \$178 ++. The promotion includes a night's stay at the Deluxe Room, daily breakfast for two at the Princess Terrace, an afternoon tea set for 2 persons at Starscafé, and complimentary WIFI access. Children age 12 and below can enjoy a complimentary stay and dine for free. What's more, Princess Terrance will be organising art and craft activities for kids and families. Other activities include screening of a cartoon movie on a big screen. Families who are game for a little challenge can also take part in the Easter Hunt and the winner will walk away with attractive prizes.

For room enquiries and reservations, please call 6318 3123/ 130 or email rooms@copthornekings.com.sg or princessterrace@copthornekings.com.sg

For family activities at Princess Terrance, please call 6318 3168 or email princessterrace@copthornekings.com.sg



Orchard Hotel

Get into the mood for Easter and Sunday afternoon by bringing your kids and family down to Orchard Hotel for a variety of treats and exciting performances.

For more reservations and more information call 6739 6565.

HAPPY EASTER!
Brighten up **Friday and Sunday afternoon** by bringing your little bundle of joy for face painting, magic shows, balloon sculpting and more!
Available on **29 & 31 March 2013**
Dial **6739 6565** or **6739 6565** for Orchard Café

Exquisite Shunde Cuisine

Hailed as one of the best places in the region to enjoy excellent Cantonese food, Shunde cuisine is also well-known for its use of fresh ingredients and home-style cooking techniques.

From 1 to 3 March, diners at JW Marriot Hong Kong can look forward to Executive Chinese Chef, Ip Kwok Fai's exquisite presentation of this famous cuisine for lunch and dinner at Man Ho Chinese Restaurant.

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



Discover “5 Experiences”



As part of its 5th year anniversary celebrations, Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Bangkok is launching a “5 Experiences” package for both business and leisure travellers. For single or double occupancy at THB 5,500 net/room/night, the package includes a stay in a 38-square-meter “Grand Deluxe” room and enjoy the following privileges:

- High floor with cityscape view
- Complimentary daily breakfast
- 24-hour complimentary in-room wire or wireless Internet access
- Complimentary 3 cans of soft drinks and 3 cans of beer (replenish daily)
- 1-piece complimentary laundry service per day (Accumulative in one stay. Excluded express service.)

The promotion is valid from now till 20 December 2013. For reservations, please contact +66 2204 4000 or email rsvn@grandmillenniumskv.com.

Grand Millennium Beijing

From now till 31 March 2013, CBD International Cuisine is offering a 1-for-1 promotion for their lunch and dinner buffet. The restaurant offers the best in global cuisine with a delectable buffet spread of seafood, grilled lamb, sushi and much more.

Please call (86) 10 8587 6888 – 3012 to make a reservation.

Wine Pairing Workshop With Penang Food

Renowned for serving Singapore's Best-loved Penang Buffet since the early 1970s, Princess Terrace Café provides a mouth-watering spread featuring classic authentic local delights.

Copthorne King's Hotel will hold a wine pairing appreciation workshop with Penang food on 9 and 23 March, 12pm to 3pm. Members are entitled to 10% discount on a la carte items.

For reservations, please call 63183168
or email princessterrace@copthornekings.com.sg



Doing Our Part For Earth Hour



60+
EARTH HOUR

23 March 2013
Join us for a good cause
and enjoy our cool
\$0.83 nett
Earth Hour Specials
from 8:30pm onwards

ORCHARD
Lobby Level
Feast on dinner buffet
at \$0.83 for every
third diner.

BAR INTERMEZZO
Lobby Level
Just \$0.83 for every
second house pour
drink!

noodles
Lobby Level
Enjoy Appetizers and
Desserts at only \$0.83
with every bowl of
Noodles ordered.

Terms and conditions apply

Earth Hour will be held on 23 March 2013. Many of our hotels in Asia and around the region will be making a combined effort to make a change to save the planet's resources.

Orchard Hotel will be offering Earth Hour Specials at \$0.83 to allow guests to cool off during the green campaign.

For more information, please call 6739 6565.



60+
地球一小时

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★★★★★

Sunday 星期天 (Mar 17)	Monday 星期一 (Mar 18)	Tuesday 星期二 (Mar 19)
 No Paper 无纸日	 No Smoking 无烟日	 Water Conservation 节水日
Wednesday 星期三 (Mar 20)	Thursday 星期四 (Mar 21)	Friday 星期五 (Mar 22)
 Vegetarian Diet 素食日	 No One Single Use 无一次性用品日	 Empty Plate 光盘日
Saturday 星期六 (Mar 23)		
 Earth Hour 地球一小时熄灯日		

Millennium Harbourview Hotel will embark on a green campaign as well. For each day of the week from 17-23 March, initiatives such as no paper day, no smoking day, go vegetarian day, etc. will be implemented. All hotel staff and guests are encouraged to take part in the campaign and do their part to save the environment.

Care

Millennium Broadway Celebrates A Special Chinese New Year



Hotel guests and visitors were entertained by the lion dance troupe

The Millennium Broadway Hotel New York hosted four local New York City families on February 9th who were recently affected by Superstorm Sandy. These special guests were treated to a colourful and exciting Lion Dance performance by the Chinese Community Center of New Jersey Youth Group. Red packets filled with chocolate coins were also distributed to all hotel guests as a token of good luck and prosperity.

Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi Brings Cheer To Special Care Centre

As part of the Hotel's CSR community outreach events, the management of Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi paid a personal visit to the children at The Special Care Centre, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping children with special needs.

Ruprecht Schmitz, General Manager Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi along with Nevine Albert, Director of PR & Communications and Tony Kayyal, Resident Manager spent an afternoon of fun and laughter with the students at the centre.

These students are diagnosed with autism, Down's Syndrome, learning difficulties and others. The centre practices what is known as a holistic psycho-educational philosophy, which takes into account the needs of the whole child where it looks beyond the disorder and sees the multiple facets of a child's life as a whole.



"Today's visit has been a good learning experience for all of us, and shows us that we need to raise awareness of children who are diagnosed with autism and other learning disability. With proper care and support, these children can integrate into society more easily. We hope to visit as often as we can so that we can provide more interaction with these lovely children who deserve lots of loving care." Said Schmitz

At the end of the visit, the management distributed gifts to the students and looked forward to the next visit.

Pictured are Ruprecht Schmitz, General Manager Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi, Nevine Albert, Director of PR & Communications, Tony Kayyal, Resident Manager and Mrs. Kmar Cherif, Events Manager at the Centre.

Paper For The Blind

Led by Mr. Thomas Christiansen, General Manager (third from right) and the management team of Grand Millennium Sukhumvit, 1,000 used calendars were sourced internally and donated to the Foundation for the Blind in Thailand, which is under the Royal Patronage of the Queen of Thailand.

The donation was accepted by the Foundation's representative, Ms. Renu Duendao. These calendars will be utilised as Braille cards, educational materials for blind students.



W Singapore Visits Thye Hua Kwan Moral Society

Led by W Singapore's General Manager, Stephane Fabregoul, the hotel's Green Committee organised a day out at Thye Hua Kwan Moral Society on 1 Feb as part of the hotel's care of community initiative. Thirty staff members were involved in the visit and actively engaged the senior citizens through Bingo and Karaoke sessions. Goodie bags were also distributed and a surprise birthday was even sprung on one of the residents!



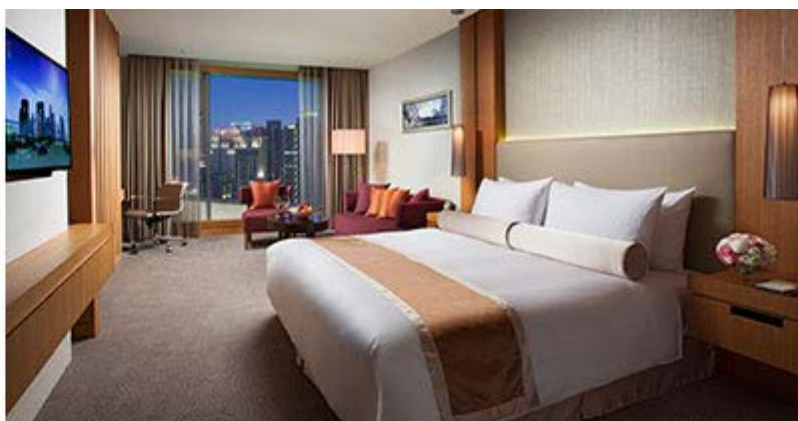
Residents at Thye Hua Kwan Moral Society were very much appreciative of the activities organised by the W Singapore team

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



Millennium Vee Taichung is the first 5-star hotel in Central Taiwan.



Millennium Vee is 24 stories high and 6 floors below ground level. It is the first hotel in Taiwan to offer 4G Wi-Max wifi broadband network in all 237 guest rooms.



The hotel offers stunning views of the Taichung's unique blend of urban and natural scenery.



Millennium Vee is the first hotel in Central Taiwan (or Taichung) with a roof top sky bar complete with state-of-the-art entertainment features.

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MILLENNIUM VEE TAICHUNG SEEKS TO REDEFINE 5-STAR HOSPITALITY STANDARDS IN CENTRAL TAIWAN, TAICHUNG

Tourists and business travellers to Taiwan looking for luxury accommodation need look no further. On March 5, Asia's leading hotel group Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) was pleased to announce the official opening of Millennium Vee Hotel Taichung. After the signing of a management contract in 2008, the hotel took about 3 and a half years to build and will be jointly operated by Taichung-based Markwell Group and the M&C Hotels of Singapore.

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After the success of Grand Hyatt in Taipei, the Group is now familiar and confident of the market conditions in Taiwan, especially in Taichung which is witnessing a rise in tourist levels over the years. Buoyed by the good growth potential, the Group decided to make an official entry into Taiwan's hospitality industry with Millennium Vee Taichung, the first hotel branded under the M&C branding.

Millennium Vee, which stands 24 storeys high and has six floors below ground, is the first M&C-branded property in Taiwan. M&C also owns the Grand Hyatt Taipei. Situated in Taichung's prime District Seven, Millennium Vee is the first hotel nationwide to offer 4G WI-Max wifi broadband network in all 237 guest rooms.

Millennium Vee offers stunning views of the city, which blends nature and urban life in a kaleidoscope of breath-taking sights. With the fusion of Western architecture set against a background of Oriental aesthetics, it is a touch of Manhattan in the heart of Taichung.

The hotel is also conveniently located near popular tourist spots such as Taichung City Hall, the Metropolitan Opera House, Wen-Hsin Forest Park, Maple Garden, SOGO Department Store, Top City Department Store and World Trade Centre.

Millennium Vee is also the first hotel in Central Taiwan with a roof top sky bar complete with state-of-the-art entertainment features. The hotel's Presidential Suite commands a rate of NT\$120,000 (S\$5,022), while wedding banquet tables start at a minimum cost of NT\$18,000 (S\$753.30) per table.

"The launch of Millennium Vee Taichung is a milestone for M&C. It marks the Group's first M&C-branded property in Taiwan, and will also see a strengthening of our position as a leading hotelier in Taiwan's 5-star hospitality sector," said Mr. Lim Boon Kwee, Senior Vice President, Asia.

"Joining forces with Markwell Group, we were able to leverage on their technical expertise and be the first hotel in Taiwan to offer 4G WiMAX access in all our rooms. This is a game-changer and sets us apart from our competitors in terms of technological expertise," he added.

"Our central location in Taichung near tourist attractions makes us easily accessible to other regions of Taiwan. It's also a gateway to other parts of the world, making Taichung an ideal destination for locals and world travellers," he said.

With a population of over 2.6 million people, Taichung is Taiwan's third largest city after Taipei and Kaohsiung. The city of Taichung has also been in the limelight recently as it was the filming location for Lee Ang's Hollywood blockbuster "Life of Pi". A deserted airport was turned into a studio where Lee built the world's third largest 3D studio to film a major part of the movie.

To celebrate the hotel's official launch, the hotel is offering Sun Moon Deluxe rooms at promotional rates of NT\$4,777 (S\$199.63) until 31 March 2013. For more information, visit www.millenniumhotels.com/millenniumveehoteltaichung.

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