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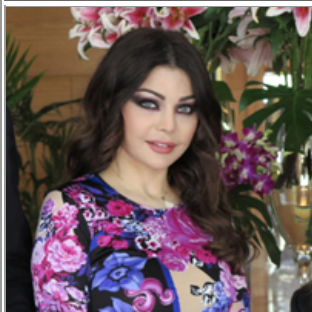
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NBA 3X Singapore Holds Press Event At Orchard Hotel



Former NBA star "Muggsy" Bogues (far left), is seen with Winnie Low, Executive Assistant Manager; Thien Kum Thong, F&B Manager; and Amy Ang, Director Marketing Communications

The inaugural National Basketball Association (NBA) 3X global fan event development event will be held in Singapore at Ngee Ann City Civic Plaza from June 21-23. Orchard Hotel was pleased to host the press conference for the event.

Former NBA star Tyrone Curtis Bogues, better known as "Muggsy" Bogues, made a guest appearance at the press conference. Standing at 5'3", Bogues was the shortest player to ever play in the NBA and remains an inspirational figure due to his success in the NBA despite his small stature. He enjoyed a sterling career from 1988 to 1997 with the Charlotte Hornets.

The NBA 3X Singapore 2013 is the NBA's first 3-on-3 basketball and lifestyle event in Singapore. Basketball fanatics are in for a treat as boys and girls of all skill levels – with an open division for men and women – will be able to participate and vie for top honours and bragging rights. The event will be based on the FIBA 3on3 format and rules, and provide participants and fans the total NBA experience with entertainment and unique interactive elements.

HLGSRC Sports Challenge 2013

Hong Leong Group Sports and Recreational Club (HLGSRC) held their first Sports Challenge event for 2013 during the end of April at M Hotel. Over 40 staff took part in a game of Darts, Carrom and Jigsaw Puzzle. It was a relaxing and fun afternoon of friendly competition among staff from the various units within the Hong Leong Group. Scrumptious food and drinks were provided for the participants to keep the hungry pangs away as the final games ended at 8.00pm. Mr Benedict Ng, President of HLGSRC presented the awards to all winners.

The next Sports event will be the Golf Tournament to be held at Sembawang Country Club on 5 May 2013. A total of 26 staff have signed up for a Sunday afternoon game of golf.



Fun with darts! Ladies Champion for the Darts Competition Mindy Ong (City Developments Limited) in action



Congratulations to the Fantastic Four from Hong Leong Finance who were crowned Champion for the Jigsaw Puzzle competition! Left to right: Benedict Ng, President, HLGSRC, See Shu Hui, Jocelyn Guan, Sally Tok and Elaine Chang



Fun with Carrom, a game for all ages

Double Celebrations At Grand Millennium Sukhumvit

April was a month of celebrations for Grand Millennium Sukhumvit. It welcomed in the Thai New Year or Songkran Festival on 13 April. This is a time when Thai people celebrate this festival with water as they believe that it will wash away bad luck. Traditionally the ceremony starts with the bathing rituals for Buddha image for good luck and prosperity, followed by pouring water into the palms hands of elder or loved ones.

In honour of this special event, the management and staff of Grand Millennium Sukhumvit arranged a traditional 'water pouring ceremony' for General Manager, Thomas Christiansen. It symbolises the cleansing of past misfortunes and blesses him for the coming New Year.

On 22 April, the hotel also celebrated its 5th year anniversary with a traditional ceremony and fundraising activities. On this special day, management and staff dressed up in pink and bright colours and to welcome another year of success!

The special day started with a traditional Buddhist monk blessing ceremony followed by a special luncheon at the hotel's Junior Ballroom for all staff to enjoy.

A fund raising activity for charity was also organised. Staff played games like can knockdown, ring toss, darts, wishing tree and bingo. The event raised 50,000 THB and all proceeds will go to the Coral Reef Conservation Foundation to support the conservation and restoration of coral life in Chonburi province of Thailand.



A very happy 5th anniversary to Grand Millennium Sukhumvit!



Hotel staff and management welcome the Thai New Year or Songkran Festival with a traditional "water pouring ceremony"

Largest Turnout At CDL E-Generation Challenge 2013



The CDL E-Generation Challenge 2013 saw 88 teams comprising over 500 participants taking part and was the largest race to date.

Back for the fourth year, this year's CDL E-Generation Challenge, which was billed as the largest to date, bore the theme "The Green Future I Want". Some 88 teams comprising over 500 youth participants (aged between 17 to 25 years old) took part in the "Amazing Race" style competition on 13 April. The race, which had its flag-off and finish point at City Square Mall, Singapore's first Eco-mall, aims to get youths to understand about environmental issues in an interactive and engaging manner.

After a challenging 5-hour long race which saw participants comb Singapore – via public transport or on foot – Team "Reds Xtreme 1" clinched top spot, while team "10 Years Bro Remake 2" and team "10 Years Bro Remake 1" were second and third place winners respectively. The top three winning teams took home cash prizes of S\$2,000, S\$1,500 and S\$1,000 respectively.

Participants competed in physically and mentally stimulating tasks that scored high on fun. For example, the youths tried their hands at Kangoo Jumps and "zovbing", an activity that involves rolling downslope or across an expanse of open space inside an inflatable ball.

This annual national eco-themed green race is supported by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA), National Environment Agency (NEA), National Parks Board (NParks) and the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA). The event partners were City Square Mall, ECO Singapore, Marina Bay City Gallery, Singapore City Gallery and Star Horizon Learning.

CDL's Head of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Ms Esther Ang said, "We are glad that the CDL E-Generation Challenge is getting greater support amongst our youth and schools each year. With endless energy and enthusiasm, these youth participants will be our ideal eco-warriors to drive change amongst their peers."



The three winning teams are pictured here with organisers CDL, event supporters from BCA, NEA and NParks; and event partners ECO Singapore and Star Horizon Learning (not pictured: URA).



[Click to watch the event highlights.](#)

China Yuchai's Hybrid Engines In Hebei Buses



China Yuchai's gas and electric hybrid engines are used in new buses in Hebei province

China Yuchai is proud to announce that its main operating subsidiary, Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Company (GYMCL), has sold 298 units of its YC6J gas and electric hybrid engines to the Baoding Bus Company in Hebei Province.

The Baoding Bus Company is the first company in Baoding City to operate buses using GYMCL's gas and hybrid engines. One hundred and fourteen buses will be fitted with this engine and delivered the Baoding Bus Company by end April. Baoding City which connects to the southern side of Beijing, is located in the central part of Hebei Province and has a population of almost 11 million.

The hybrid YC6J medium-duty engine was launched in October 2010. The battery-powered motors in the hybrid buses significantly reduce fuel consumption and emissions. It is also compliant with the National V emission standards in China.

Benny H. Goh, President of China Yuchai, commented: "Our gas and electric hybrid engine was specifically designed for use in crowded urban environments such as Baoding City. The engine consumes less fuel and generates lower emissions than standard

engines, which are tremendous advantages for urban bus operators. This order from Baoding Bus Company is a further validation of our strategy to provide diversified solutions to meet the changing environments of our customers and support the Chinese government's drive to reduce emissions and conserve the environment. Our innovation in engine technology continues to position us as a leading engine supplier to the bus market in China.

Fun With Decoupage



Sales and marketing staff of Grand Millennium Sukhumvit held a fun-filled arts and craft workshop to build up team spirit and bonding with their clients

In March, Grand Millennium Sukhumvit's Sales and Marketing department organised "M&C Networking 2013 – Having Fun With Decoupage" at the hotel's Junior Ballroom. The half-day craft workshop was held to strengthen the relationship between the Sales and Marketing team, bookers and their clients.

*Decoupage (from the French word for cut) is a fun and easy craft where you cut out pictures, prints from documents, or other materials, and apply them to a surface such as a picture frame, shoe box, bowl, or something you wish to decorate.

Grand Millennium Al Wahda Hosts Film Festival

The Grand Millennium Al Wahda is proud to host the first edition of the Abu Dhabi International Environmental Film Festival in April. The event was held under the auspices of Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, the Ruler's Representative in the Western Region, and was well-attended by the biggest movie stars in the Emirates and the region.

Said Grand Millennium Al Wahda's Director General, Atif Ilyas: "We warmly welcome all guests of the Abu Dhabi International Environmental Film Festival to the country and hope that they will experience the warm hospitality and service standards of Millennium & Copthorne. We look forward to hosting more events with the ADIEFF in the future."



Atif Ilyas hopes that with success of ADIEFF will attract more artistic and cultural events to be held in the country, thus raising the popularity of Abu Dhabi as a popular tourist destination.

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels Holds Annual Road Show In GCC

During 8-23 April, sales experts from the various hotels under the M&C hotels began their annual roadshow, starting with the GCC countries of Dammam, Riyadh, Doha, Kuwait, and UAE, with the final stop at Oman. The roadshow was chaired by Vice President Operations for Middle East and Africa.

The objective of the roadshow was to enhance relationship between the executive team and the account team of the region's leading corporations and tour operators.

Said Moine Kandil "We witnessed a massive demand from the GCC market last year for our hotels in the Middle East. The roadshow provides us with an excellent opportunity to showcase our brands and meet our valued customers in order to establish a mutual business relationship."

And concerning the company's growth potential in the GCC, he added: "We hope to introduce the Millennium Executive Apartments brand into Saudi Arabia where there is market demand in cities such as Madinah, Makkah, Riyadh and Jeddah. Other subsidiary cities are also under the radar and we believe the Kingdom is one of our biggest growth potential for the brand."

Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta Holds Business Coaching Class



Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta, in collaboration with Business Action Coach South Jakarta and Lite FM held a business coaching class at the Lobby Lounge on 13 April 2013. The seminar was well-attended by more than 20 CEOs from various companies.

Orchard Hotel At Wedding Planner 2013 Roadshow



Orchard Hotel took part in The New Paper's Wedding Planner 2013 roadshow at Vivocity from 12 – 14 April 2013. Throughout the weekend, 35 couples signed up for wedding packages, which is estimated to bring in revenues of over \$893,000! A very big thank you to our Catering Sales team for making this possible.

Millennium Abu Dhabi Showcases Growing Portfolio At ATM 2013

The Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi consistently strives every year to present a strong showing at the Arabian Travel Market 2013 (ATM), a well-established leading travel and tourism fair for the region. It also serves as a platform for the hotel to explore and enhance business opportunities.

"We are continuously introducing and reinforcing our brand in essential markets as well as renewing our efforts to promote both our property and the UAE as a destination to tourist and business travellers," said Ruprecht Schmitz, General Manager of the Hotel.

"To continue to create awareness, Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi's participation at ATM provides a perfect tool for us to support the tourism industry and Abu Dhabi, a city rich with historic and cultural landmarks, archeological sites, natural beauty. The new waterpark and amusement park, Yas Waterworld, is a welcome addition to the city becoming one of the world's fastest growing tourism markets," elaborated Schmitz.

The hotel will continue to develop new revenue streams through enhancing our relationship with existing corporate clients such as TCA Abu Dhabi and Etihad Airways and developing new ones so as to heighten our brand visibility and raise the hotel's status as a hub and venue for business and leisure travellers alike.

Visiting Dignitaries

Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta



General Manager of Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta Manny Q Mercado welcomes Mrs. Linda Gumelar, State Minister for Womens Empowerment and Child Protection at a National Commission On Violence Against Women conference held at the hotel on 10 April.

Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi



Renowned Italian surgeon, Professor Adolfo Panfili, recently attended a press conference hosted by Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi. He will open a medical centre focused on robotic surgery in the UAE. This field is a very new and fast growing sector. The centre will be focused on the implementation of robotic devices for surgery on spine, knee and hip. Pictured from left are surgeon Giovanni Carriere, Professor Adolfo Panfili, Nevine Albert, Director of PR & Communications of the hotel.

Congratulations

M&C Appoints Franz Zeller As Senior Vice President, Asia



Mr Zeller is a familiar face to many within the M&C group of companies. He was Senior Vice President, Operations for Asia Pacific and Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel's first General Manager from 1999 to 2001. After which, he took on the role as Senior Vice President, Middle East and North Africa, Millennium Hotels & Resorts.

With more than 40 years of experience in the hospitality industry, he has lived and worked in some of the world's most competitive markets, including Singapore, Tokyo, Abu Dhabi, Mumbai, New York, Montreal, New Delhi, Brisbane, Perth and Vancouver. Most recently, he was Managing Director of Archipelago Hotels & Resorts, based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer for Taj Luxury Hotels. He was awarded Outstanding Hotelier of the Year, New York, USA in 1995.

In his role as Senior Vice President, Asia, Mr Zeller will provide leadership and strategic direction for the entire Asia team with the objective of delivering maximum business growth and profitability for the Group.

Mr Zeller will report to Mr Wong Hong Ren, Group Chief Executive Officer of M&C.

Winston Reinboth Helms Grand Copthorne Waterfront

Millennium & Copthorne Hotels (M&C) warmly welcomes Mr. Winston L. Reinboth as the General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront in Singapore.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Reinboth held numerous senior positions including General Manager and Vice President of Sales & Marketing for luxury hotels and groups such as Le Meridien Hotels & Resorts, Hilton International, Sheraton Hotels & Resorts and Marriott International. Winston was also instrumental in the successful opening of hotels in Singapore, Australia, Malaysia, Cambodia, China, Hong Kong and Thailand.

Most recently, Mr. Reinboth was the Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Archipelago Hotels & Resorts in Malaysia, where he was among the founding members of this new hospitality company.

Mr. Reinboth will chart the strategic growth and positioning of Grand Copthorne Waterfront to be a leading and preferred hotel in Singapore. With 30 years of experience in the hospitality industry, he is well accomplished and recognised for his expertise in driving hotel revenue growth, operational efficiency and bottom-line results.



Winston L. Reinboth, General Manager of Grand Copthorne Waterfront in Singapore

W Singapore Sentosa Cove In Condé Nast Traveler's 2013 Hot List



W Singapore Sentosa Cove is proud to be listed in Condé Nast Traveler's 2013 Hot List

Home to lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, a deep-water yachting marina, and luxurious residences, W Singapore – Sentosa Cove blends the cosmopolitan structure of the city with the whole other universe of Sentosa Island, where luscious greenery and high-octane entertainment gives the island a pulsating energy. This year, W Singapore has been included in Condé Nast Traveler's 2013 Hot List of favourite new hotels that have opened in the past year. Congratulations to the W Singapore team for achieving this accolade!

Situated only minutes away from Singapore's Central Business District, W Singapore – Sentosa Cove is the vision of a tropical marina-oriented lifestyle hub in Sentosa. The highlight of W Singapore is its 14,000-square-foot WET pool featuring 24 underwater speakers where guests can chill out to curated music underwater. W brings a chic attitude to the city's pulsating altitude and the island's relaxing vibe, energising the 24/7 experience.

Each year, Condé Nast Traveler – the world's premier travel magazine – visit hundreds of new hotels around the world and for the 2013 list, only 154 out of 1,000 hotels were shortlisted. More details available at <http://www.cntraveler.com/hot-list/2013>

On the same note, W Singapore – Sentosa Cove has also been selected by Starwood Preferred Guest under the categories "Favorite Resort 2013, Best Island Paradise and Best Spa Indulgence". This will give the hotel a fantastic exposure within the SPG program and members in Asia Pacific and other continents.



Wondering where to go this weekend? Chill out and groove to the latest beats at W Singapore Sentosa Cove's WET pool

Grand Millennium Beijing Celebrates 5th Anniversary



Grand Millennium Beijing was pleased to have Lawrence Yip M&C Country Head (fourth from left) grace the celebration. From left, Music Yin emcee and GMB Marketing and Communications Director, Li Yudong GMB Engineering associate, Reya Qiu GMB F&B associate, Gino Tan GMB General Manager, Jim Sun GMB Security associate, and Miller Yang GMB Room Division associate

Grand Millennium Beijing (GMB) held her 5th Anniversary celebrations over 2 days – one for special guests (26 April) and another for internal staff (27 April).

The gala dinner held on 26 April was a memorable one, with attendance by Ambassadors, corporate supporters and members of the press and media.

“In a short span of 5 years, Grand Millennium Beijing has built a strong loyal following of guest and patrons. Tonight’s event is our gesture of appreciation to say, ‘Thank You’ to every guest.” said General Manager, Gino Tan.

With more than 400 persons in attendance, the evening’s event saw exciting flashbacks of pre-opening days, dignitaries and VIPs and major events that the hotel had hosted. The night was also filled with non-stop entertainment and lucky draws with trips and accommodations to South Africa and Singapore. The hotel also prepared a gastronomic feast for the guests.

GMB was also honoured to have China’s National English Newspaper China Daily’s Deputy Secretary-General Mr Zhu Baoxia at the dinner. He arranged a montage of the hotel’s previous media interviews, press releases and congratulatory messages to the management as a very special birthday gift.

The hotel’s internal celebration held on 27th April was attended by its JVCO partners from HKI and PLA.

Millennium HongQiao Wins 2 Awards



General Manager of Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai Rene Teuscher and CEO of Emigrate to Shanghai Alex Zhang.

Millennium HongQiao Hotel Shanghai is proud to announce that it has been awarded the “Best Business Hotel 2012” by Shanghai Evening Post and “Best Business Hotel Award 2012-2013” by Emigrate to Shanghai magazine. Congratulations on the double wins!

Millennium Bailey’s Celebrates Hotel Excellence



Celebrating Hotel Excellence - Anne Marie Hammond, Revenue Manager and Danilo Vergani, Reservations Manager at the Millennium Bailey’s Hotel

Millennium Bailey’s Hotel London Kensington was named as one of the recipients of Agoda.com’s Gold Circle Awards 2012. The award recognises hotels that lead by example in the competitive hospitality industry.

Congratulations to the Millennium Bailey’s Hotel for their outstanding performance on Agoda.com with a high number of positive customer reviews.

Hua Ting, Orchard Café And Noodles Ranked Singapore's Leading Restaurants



The panel of judges for the Wine & Dine magazine's Restaurant Guide have unanimously voted for Orchard Hotel's Hua Ting, Orchard Café and Noodles as Singapore's Top Restaurants 2013! Our heartiest congratulations to the staff and management for this exceptional feat in offering culinary excellence to diners.

Hua Ting deserves a special mention as it was given a three star rating, the highest rating given to a coveted list of the very best restaurants in Singapore.

Hong Kong's Marriott Café And The Lounge Voted Best Buffet Restaurants 2013



(left to right) Mr. Chow Chung, a famous Hong Kong chef handing out the award to Mr. Patrick Yu, Assistant Director of Food and Beverage, JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

Marriott Café has been voted "2013 U Favourite Food Awards" in the annual readers' poll by U Magazine, a popular Hong Kong lifestyle travel publication. Adding to the list of awards includes The Lounge for "Best Buffet Restaurant" by Openrice.com for the second consecutive year; a leading dining online guide with over 4 million visitors per month.

Tour Of Rustic Kukup for Hong Leong Staff

Hong Leong Group's sports and recreational club recently organised a 2D1N trip to the fishing village of Kukup in Johore Bahru, over the weekend of March 13-14. A total of 42 staff and their family members signed up for the event and were all eager to embark on an exciting journey over the Causeway.

Upon reaching Kukup by mid morning, the group went by boat to visit a kelong (an offshore platform built with wood) where they got to see the different species of fish, and shopped around for dried seafood and crackers. This was followed by a scenic walk at the mangrove swamp reserve. The group enjoyed a scrumptious seafood lunch, followed by high tea with Kukup's famous fried prawn crackers. Dinner consists of barbeque and fish porridge.

Staff and their family truly enjoyed their time in Kukup by exploring the fishing village and enjoying the fresh seafood and coconut pudding. Other activities included playing with fire-crackers and placing wishes on sky lanterns before releasing them to the sky!



Hong Leong Group staff enjoying the weekend at Kukup with friends and family



Shopping for dried seafood and crackers is a must at Kukup



Club members looking forward to the next weekend getaway

Delicious Lobster Night At M Hotel

M Hotel Singapore hosted a Lobster Night dinner exclusively for à la carte members (a dining and privilege programme hosted by Millennium and Copthorne International Limited) in late April at the hotel's ballroom – Banquet Suite.

Over 280 guests, comprising à la carte members and their invited guests, were treated to a luxurious repast of a 6-course fusion menu prepared by the hotel's aspiring chefs. Besides the full-flavoured lobster dishes and the creation of deep-fried peanut rice dumpling with black sesame dipping sauce and mango, cookies and cream crêpes rolled with fresh mango salsa, the guests were treated to rounds of other delectable desserts as well as red and white wines.

The evening ended with over S\$1,000 of great prizes won. One lucky guest walked away with a weekend staycation for two (including breakfast) at M Hotel. Others walked away with a complimentary one year à la carte membership and dining vouchers.



Yummy lobster dishes specially created by M Hotel chefs



Cheers to great food and friends!

Cook Like A Pro



Come May and June, top chefs from Hotel Nikko Hong Kong will reveal their culinary secrets at their cooking class series aptly named “Cooking with Talent”. Participants can look forward to a hands-on approach to learning how to cook at their own dedicated cooking station.

Held every alternate week, the 2-hour class is followed by a sumptuous lunch (buffet at Café Serena for European cuisine or dessert class; Chinese lunch set at Toh Lee for Chinese cuisine lesson; Japanese lunch set at Sagano for Japanese cuisine class). Participants will also receive a complimentary apron and a HK\$200 cash coupon for semi-buffet dinner at Les Célébrités (original priced at HK\$578 per person plus 10% service charge) – at an all-inclusive price of HK\$485 per person. What’s more? Sign up with a friend and both of you can enjoy 10% off the original price.

All lessons will be conducted in Cantonese. For enquiries or reservations, please call +852 2313 4222, or download the enrollment form at www.hotelnikko.com.hk, or drop by Café Serena on the first floor of Hotel Nikko Hongkong, 72 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon.

The cooking classes are scheduled as follows:

Japanese cuisine: Beef salad rolls and eel Yanagawa hot pot

Date: 14 May 2013 (Tue)

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Chinese cuisine: Deep-fried squid with chilli powder and steamed sole fillet and salmon rolls with pumpkin sauce

Date: 28 May 2013 (Tue)

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

European cuisine: Linguine with king prawn, Parmesan cheese and saffron jus

Date: 11 June 2013 (Tue)

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Dessert: Coffee rocky road cake

Date: 25 June 2013 (Tue)

Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm

Oodles of Fun At Noodle Making Workshop

Orchard Hotel recently hosted a noodle-making workshop taught personally by Noodles Chef Xu Ai Min. All guests were eager to get a first-hand experience on how to make his signature La-Mian – ‘Dragon Beard’ Handmade La-Mian (very fine noodles) pulled together and made with his special mix of 3 different types of flour to create that unique texture of extremely thin noodles. The two dishes taught by Chef Xu were the all-time favourite Stewed Beef Brisket and Tendon Noodles In Superior Stock and the Chef’s latest creation, Noodles with Fresh Tomatoes & Eggs.

The workshop was filled with fun and laughter during the workshop as the guests and the Chef worked together to make delicious noodles. After the lesson, each guest received their very own chef’s hat and an embroidered apron personally endorsed by Chef Xu himself!



Guests had a wonderful time learning how to make noodles from Chef Xu.

Beijing Riviera Country Club Celebrates Easter

It was a full turnout at this year's annual Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt at the Beijing Riviera Country Club. Over 60 children joined in the egg hunt for 710 coloured Easter Eggs scattered around the club. Everyone was delighted when the Easter Bunny made his annual appearance and all children and parents had great fun taking photos with it! An Easter Egg painting class was organised as part of the Easter celebrations as well. A sumptuous Easter brunch was also prepared for all children and family members by Riviera chefs.



Kids and parents having Easter fun at Beijing Riviera Country Club

Lebanese Superstar At Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi



(Left to right) Ruprecht Schmitz, General Manager Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi, Haifa Wahbe and Nevine Albert, Director of PR & Communications

Millennium Hotel Abu Dhabi recently hosted the beautiful Haifa Wahbe during her stay at the Capital. The well-known singer expressed her great satisfaction with the hotel's services, in particular the warm hospitality she was welcomed with by all Management and staff. In 2006, Haifa was on People Magazine's 50 most beautiful people list. She was previously a spokesperson for Pepsi and has worked on advertisements with football star Thierry Henry which were aired on Lebanese TV during the 2006 FIFA World Cup.

Meals & Deals

Enjoy Exclusive Rates At Angsana Velavaru In The Maldives



Make Maldives your next holiday destination. Hong Leong Group staffs are entitled to a very special rate at Angsana Velavaru.

Sun, sand, sea – what's not to love about the Maldives? Take a speed boat out on a dolphin tour, play a cool game of aqua volleyball, and get intimate with schools of colorful fish in a snorkeling safari. Whether you choose to pack your stay with a myriad of activities, or to simply enjoy the luscious white beach, Angsana Velavaru has got it all covered.

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

For a limited period only, Angsana Velavaru and Hong Leong Group have in store a very special promotion just for Hong Leong Group (HLG) Associates: 40% off for Associate stay 20% off F&B including BBQ and Funa 20% off Gallery and Spa 20% off Dive and Water Sports 20% off Excursions Offer is open for bookings until 30 April 2014.

Blackout Dates: 30 Sep 2013 – 08 Oct 2013 | 20 Dec 2013 – 07 Jan 2014 | 28 Jan 2014 – 07 Feb 2014 Terms and Conditions apply.

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A Special Summer At Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta

Spend your summer holiday with your family and friends at Millennium Hotel Sirih Jakarta. Save up to 35% off best available rates with complimentary broadband access and shuttle services to major shopping malls. Promotion ends on 5 July 2013. Only valid for stays on 1 May – 5 July 2013.

For enquiries, please call (62-21) 230 3636 ext. 1640 or Email: reservations@millenniumjkt.com



Mother's Day Weekend Retreat

It's time to show your appreciation to the one who loves us like none other on Mother's Day. Here is a selection of offers from our hotel partners.

Orchard Hotel

Shower your mum with love at Orchard Café on 11-12 May and stand a chance to WIN one of the following prizes:

- 3D2N stay at Grand Millennium Sukhumvit Bangkok and a \$500 travel voucher
- 2D1N Weekend stay at Orchard Hotel Singapore inclusive of breakfast for two
- Spa D'or 90-minute body massage worth \$188

What's more, a special treat is in store for all mothers! With each meal, mothers can enjoy a 30-minute body massage worth \$50 at Spa D'or! For reservations and more information, please call 6739 6565



The hotel's Masterchef Lap Fai was recently interviewed by local radio station Love 97.2FM's deejays Dennis Chew and Chua Lee Lian about its Mother's Day set menus and special treats. Tune in to Love 97.2FM from 6pm on 9 May for the interview.



A complimentary bottle of wine for 6 diners and up.

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MOTHER'S TRIBUTE MENU

Precious Set \$788 (8 pax)	Luxury Set \$988 (10 pax)	Heirloom Set \$1188 (10 pax)
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Complimentary Snow Skin Longevity Buns

HUA TING'S SPECIAL TREATS FOR MUM



Braised South Africa Whole Abalone (4 heads) with Seasonal Greens in Superior Oyster Sauce at \$36 per piece



Air-flown fillet of Japanese Kobe Beef at \$42 per person

Promotion valid till end May 2013


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Grand Copthorne Waterfront

This Mother's Day, pamper Mum to a lavish BBQ Lunch Buffet at Café Brio as a token of appreciation. Entice her senses with Osaka crab salad with Champagne gelee or Prosciutto wrapped with cantaloupe melon. Charm her senses with curry cinnamon brown rice, jumbo king prawn with asparagus spear and mild spicy tomato cream sauce, black sesame cream and more!

All mothers stand a chance to win attractive prizes such as a 1 year à la carte membership, a J's Salon voucher and a \$100 family shoot discount voucher from Sattine Bridal Couture (U.P. \$288). Promotion is valid on 12 May, 12pm – 4pm. Adult \$54++ and Child \$27++.

For reservations, please call 6233 1100 or email fnbrsvns.gcw@millenniumhotels.com

What's more, book our Executive Suite at our Best Available Rates and enjoy \$50 worth of F&B credit (valid at Café Brio's or Pontini), or a one-for-one hair/face/body treatment at J's Salon and club benefits. Package includes buffet breakfast for two adults and two children, free WiFi and extra bed for children below 12.



Terms & conditions apply. For reservations, please call 6233 1122 or email rsvns.gcw@millenniumhotels.com



M Hotel

From 10-12 May, gather at M Hotel's Café 2000 for a special dinner. Free carnations will be given out for all mothers! Also, stand a chance to win dining vouchers and room stays in our lucky draw!

BBQ and International Buffet Dinner

S\$68++ Adult

S\$32++ Child

Please call Café 2000 at 6500 6112. From 6pm-11pm.

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong

JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong is pleased to present delicious culinary offerings from five distinctive venues to celebrate Mother's Day on 12 May 2013. Diner will be spoilt for choice, with specially-crafted set dinner menus at JW's California and Man Ho Chinese Restaurant to sumptuous buffets with special highlights at Marriott Café and The Lounge. Surprise mum with Dolce 88's exclusive Mother's Day hand-made chocolate design necklace or raspberry white chocolate mousse hat cake available from 6 – 12 May.



Copthorne King's Hotel

Princess Terrace

Surprise Mum with an authentic Penang buffet spread at the award-winning Princess Terrace with over three decades of history in traditional Penang cuisine. Tantalise Mum's palate with our nourishing double-boiled chicken with ginseng soup along with 60 other Penang favourites.

Mum dines for free with every 10 paying adults.

Adult \$48.80++

Child \$38.80++.

Promotion is valid from 10-12 May.

For enquiries and reservations, please call 6318 3168 or email princessterrace@millenniumhotels.com



Tien Court

Mothers with a penchant for traditional Chinese fare will delight in the Mother's Day Set Lunch or Dinner at Tien Court. She will also get to luxuriate in a complimentary bowl of bird's nest soup if she dines with three other family members (limited to one bowl per table).

From \$58++ per person. Promotion is valid 1-12 May. For enquiries and reservations, please call 6318 3193/198 or email tiencourt@millenniumhotels.com



Sunday Brunch At Orchard Hotel



FREE WI-FI

The
ORCHARD
CAFÉ
Lobby Level

SUNDAY BRUNCH

\$68

with free flow of
juices & soft
drinks

12pm to 3:30pm



A stunning way to satisfy your appetite.

Kids eat for FREE!

2 kids (age below 12) with 2 paying adults.
50% discount for your 3rd kid.

Enjoy an exciting line-up of Kids' activities and performances!

For reservation & information, please call 6739 6565 or
email orchardcafe@orchardhotel.com.sg

Prosecco
\$50 per bottle



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Brighten up your Sundays at the Orchard Café with a delightful spread of whole roasted lamb, lobsters, freshly shucked oysters, Alaskan crabs, prime rib carving, Specialty La Mian and many more. Available from 12pm – 330pm, the buffet is priced at \$68++ with free flow of juices and soft drinks! For every two paying adults, two kids dine in for free.

For reservations and more information, please call 6739 6565

Juicy Goodness At Toh Lee With Fruit And Marrow Specialties



Hotel Nikko Hongkong's Toh Lee Chinese restaurant will be tempting diners with an array of mouth-watering dishes incorporating fruit and marrow. Highlights are dishes such as shredded duck with chicken tossed with honeydew melon, cantaloupe and jellyfish, scrambled egg white with scallops, crab roe, grapes and papaya and braised sea cucumber rolls with minced shrimp topped with Jinhua ham and pumpkin sauce.

For the ladies, don't miss out specialties such as the Braised winter melon with bamboo pith, mixed vegetables and bird's nest which is healthy yet nourishing for the body.

Toh Lee's fruit and marrow specialties are available now until end of May. For reservations, please call Toh Lee on +852 2313 4225 or book online at www.hotelnikko.com.hk, or drop by the restaurant on the 2nd floor of Hotel Nikko

Hongkong at 72 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon.

Foie Gras Indulgence



Diners at JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong can look forward to an array of delectable Rougié foie gras dishes for dinner at Marriott Café, JW's California and Man Ho Chinese Restaurant from 6 – 26 May. Enjoy this popular French delicacy prepared in many enticing ways. Highlights include foie gras pâté with fig jam, duck foie gras ravioli in wonton skin with truffle sabayon, and Sautéed Australian wagyu beef cubes with foie gras and basil.

Revive Your Body And Soul

TREAT YOUR BODY LIKE A TEMPLE

Revive your body and soul at Zayna Spa with a 60 minute treatment of your choice and indulge in Toshi's Healthy Menu which includes 4 pieces of sushi and miso soup. A perfect way to restore your body's natural balance.

Opening Hours: Daily 10:00am – 11:00pm

A reservation is required.
For reservations, please call: +971 2 495 3822
Email: zaynaspa@grandmill-alwahda.com

zayna spa

The Grand Millennium Al Wahda is strategically located in the city centre of Abu Dhabi, and is adjacent to Al Wahda Mall, a prime shopping destination. For a limited time only, visitors and guests can enjoy a 60-minute spa treatment of their choice and at the hotel's Zayna spa and as a perfect ending to the day, indulge in Toshi restaurant's Healthy Menu consisting of 4 pieces of sushi and miso soup. The spa treatment starts at 440 Dhs per person.

Please call +971 2 495 3822 or email zaynaspa@grandmill-alwahda.com for reservations.

Relax At The Piano Bar

Relax and rejuvenate with whisky cocktails, salmon teriyaki skewers and takoyaki (squid ball) only at Grand Copthorne Waterfront's The Piano Bar.

For reservations, please call 6233 100 or email fnbrsvns.gcw@millenniumhotels.com



Book A Staycation At Copthorne King's Hotel



Give yourself and your family members a well-deserved break during the holidays. Have a good rest in our sophisticated rooms and indulge in award-winning Penang delights at Princess Terrace.

Vesak Day specials:

- Daily buffet breakfast for 2 persons
- Unlimited Broadband Access
- 2 Penang vouchers worth \$96 per stay

Promotion is valid 23 - 26 May. For enquiries and reservations, please call 6318 3123/ 130 or email rooms.cks@millenniumhotels.com

Crabtastic At M Hotel

Commit to getting messy when you gnaw off the claws, revealing the dense, thick curl of sweet meat. If a whole crab is too much to deal with, our chefs are extremely creative, incorporating thick lumps into everything from salads to patties.

Over ten different crab dishes in our Buffet Dinner, some highlights are:

Crab Meat Timbale on Egg & Caviar | Caribbean Crabmeat Pasta Salad & Pomegranate Seeds | Steamed Mud Crabs served with Black Vinegar & Shredded Ginger | Baked Sea Scallop with Crab Sabayon | Salted Egg Crab | Butter Crab

International Buffet Dinner
(Sunday to Thursday, 6pm – 11pm)
S\$50++ Adult
S\$28++ Child

BBQ and International Buffet Dinner
(Friday, Saturday and Public Holidays, 6pm – 11pm)
S\$62++ Adult
S\$32++ Child

For reservations, please call Café 2000 at 6500 6112



Finest Kurobuta Pork



This May, The Buffet at M Hotel offers a unique taste experience to pork lovers. Hand picked by our chefs, the finest Kurobuta pork has a texture of exquisite suppleness, and the flavour reaps lush and abundance. Perfect when dipped in any of our rich broths. Prices at only S\$17.90++ per plate.

The soup of the month is miso soup which contains no MSG.

Steamboat Buffet Dinner
Monday to Thursday, 6pm – 11pm
\$48++ Adult, \$26++ Child

Friday to Sunday and Public Holidays, 5pm – 11pm
\$58++ Adult, \$32++ Child

For reservations, please call The Buffet at 6500 6116

In Love With Strawberries



Crabmeat jelly with strawberry mille feuille



Panna cotta, a must try dessert item at the Lobby Lounge

Tuck into a delightful spread of strawberry delicacies combining the freshness of strawberries and innovation of our chefs, only at Hotel Nikko Hongkong's Lobby Lounge.

The buffet starts with a refreshing appetizer, crabmeat jelly with strawberry mille feuille - a perfect match of fresh fruit and seafood! Recommended dishes include strawberry pork spareribs, preserved pork sausage fried rice with strawberry and sweet and sour strawberry chicken. Another not-to-be-missed item is a selection of tempura, including prawn, vegetable and Sakura edi vegetable cake, and Sushi Chirashi made with seasonal sashimi is undeniably a delectable treat.

One of the must-try dessert items is the strawberry panna cotta - the sweetness of strawberries and the silk-smooth texture of cheese is just irresistible. Other recommended items include strawberry macaroon, strawberry egg white soufflé, strawberry puff and sago soup with strawberry and aloe vera, all guaranteed to fulfill your craving for sweetness.

The new "In love with Strawberry" Afternoon Tea Buffet is available from 3:00pm to 5:00pm on Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays starting 11 May 2013, at HK\$238 per adult and HK\$198 per child. For reservations, please call 2313 4210, or book online at www.hotelnikko.com.hk, or drop by the restaurant on the mezzanine floor of Hotel Nikko Hongkong, 72 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon.

All prices are subject to 10% service charge.

Bridal Gowns For Charity in Chicago



Visitors were spoilt for choice with the large selection of wedding gowns at the Brides Against Breast Cancer event held at the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel.

In March, Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel in Chicago hosted the Brides Against Breast Cancer event at the stunning Crystal Ballroom. Brides Against Breast Cancer is a non-profit organisation which hosts wedding gown fundraising sales with 71% of the proceeds going towards fighting breast cancer.

Brides to be were spoilt for choice with an exclusive inventory of hundreds of new and gently used designer and couture gowns. Many wedding vendors also attended the event too.

Over 100 brides-to-be attended this weekend event and over a dozen wedding dresses sold. The proceeds will contribute to services that provide support, education and hope to women and men affected by breast cancer. This charitable event was covered by local press and radio stations including ABC 7 News, Fox News, WGN News as well as the major Spanish-language television network Univisión.

Join Mark And David On Their Cycling Challenge For A Good Cause

Come 3 June, Mark Land and David Bannister (business development manager and operations manager respectively at the Copthorne Hotel Slough-Windsor) will be cycling 140 miles from the Copthorne Cardiff via Millennium Madejski to the Copthorne Slough-Windsor to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. They will also be joined by some of their colleagues for the last 20 miles, cycling from Reading to Slough.

More popularly known as MAD, last year the duo cycled 123 miles overnight from London to Brighton and raised £1,500 for the charity. This year, they pledge to raise £3,000 for the British Heart Foundation and will be asking friends, family colleagues as well as hotel guests to support them.

In preparation for the challenge, they will be holding awareness nights in the hotel lobby where they will be set up training bikes at the Copthorne Slough-Windsor entrance.

Both Mark & David are Sky Ride Leaders and spend weekends taking cyclists out on the road under the British Cycling scheme to get people out on their bikes for a better commute.



Mark and David (MAD) are at it again!

M&C UK Sponsors F&B for Comic Relief Amex Croydon 2013



Tracey Lambert (left) the American Express Supplier Ambassador for Amex Croydon and Justin Fitzgerald, Business Travel Account Director in the beloved M&C Hotel's mascot, Muriel the Millennium cow suit!
Inset photo: How Justin looks like in real life!

On 15 March, Millennium & Copthorne UK was delighted to play a part at the Comic Relief Amex Croydon 2013 by providing dinner and drinks for the volunteers from the Amex Croydon office who manned the charity phone lines. The event was held in conjunction with Comic Relief Red Nose Day 2013. The Croydon office is responsible for placing approximately \$150,000 worth of business with M&C UK each year, booking on behalf of many key clients.

In the spirit of comic relief, Business Travel Account Director Justin Fitzgerald donned the famous Muriel Cow outfit for the evening, to the amusement of staff and volunteers. And yes, as verified by Justin, it was indeed not easy being a mascot as it was extremely hot and sticky inside! Afterwards, Justin also helped to answer a few donation calls.

Red Nose Day 2013 raised an incredible £75 million and the money goes out to a multitude of charities helping transform lives across UK and the World.

Kids Learn About Earth Day

In conjunction with Earth Day, Beijing Riviera Country Club organised games and activities for children to help clean up trash around East Lake Garden. It was also a way to teach the young about global issues affecting the environment. The children also tried their hand at planting and growing their own flowers. The afternoon was spent outside enjoying the sunshine with friends, neighbours and family with snacks prepared by Riviera chefs. Everyone did their part for the environment by recycling their used soda cans and plastic bottles.



Learning about Earth Day the fun way

Beijing Riviera Country Club Holds Charity Bazaar

Beijing Riviera held its annual Charity Bazaar on 20th April. It was a good opportunity for guests and staff to buy festive gifts at affordable prices. All proceeds will go to selected orphanages in Beijing.



Spend for a good cause at Beijing Riviera Country Club's charity bazaar

Hong Kong Hotels Take Part In Tree Planting Challenge 2013



Associates from JW Marriott, Renaissance Harbour View, SkyCity Marriott and Courtyard participated in "The Tree Planting Challenge 2013" on 21 April organised by Friends of the Earth (HK), one of Hong Kong's most prominent green groups. The event aims to raise awareness on climate change and carbon footprint reduction. Participants not only had to carry seedlings and planting tools from the distribution point uphill, but also dig pits and plant trees at designated sites. A total of 7,000 seedlings were planted.

Getting to Know You

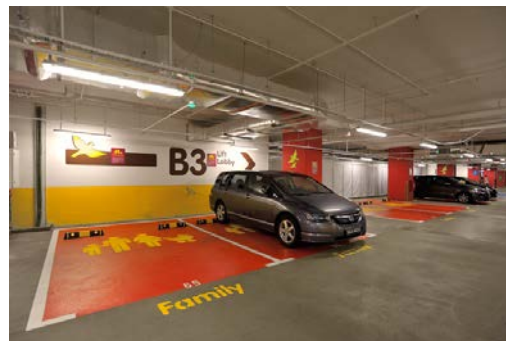
In each issue, we cast the spotlight on one of the business sectors that make up the global world of the Hong Leong Group



City Square Mall is well-loved by families for its myriad family-friendly offerings and amenities.



From left to right: Mrs Mildred Tan, Chairperson of the Businesses for Families Council, Mr Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister for Social and Family Development, Mr Chia Ngiang Hong, Group General Manager of City Developments Limited.



The larger family parking lots are thoughtful gestures for families who drive bigger family cars.

City Square Mall Honoured In 'We Welcome Families' Awards

City Square Mall has once again received the prestigious Excellence Award under the Shopping Mall Category in the Businesses for Families Council's (BFC) 'We Welcome Families' Awards 2013. This award is the highest accolade of this national accreditation programme and this win makes City Square Mall the first and only shopping mall in Singapore to receive this accolade twice in a row.

City Square Mall is located at the junction of Serangoon and Kitchener Roads and is directly connected to Farrer Park MRT station. Owned & managed by City Developments Limited, City Square Mall is Singapore's first eco-mall and is one of the largest malls in Singapore with 700,000 sq ft of gross retail space. The mall has some 200 tenants that cater to the lifestyle needs of everyone in the family and offers the perfect setting for the community to meet, shop and play while acquiring an eco-learning experience.

CDL Group General Manager Mr Chia Ngiang Hong received the award from Mr Chan Chun Sing, Acting Minister for Social and Family Development at the awards ceremony on 25 April. Supported by the Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF), the biennial 'We Welcome Families' Awards recognises businesses with exemplary measures to welcome families as their customers through family-friendly strategies, facilities and service touch points. Award winners are determined by a combination of public votes and assessment by the judging panel. The public voting was held from 1 February to 28 February 2013.

Since its official opening in 2010, City Square Mall has organised numerous family-related events that have been very well-

received. Most recently, these include an Earth Hour activity in March 2013 where a free outdoor movie of the animated film, "Dr Seuss' The Lorax" was screened for families and kids to enjoy. In November / December 2012, a Chuggington Christmas campaign was held where families and kids got to interact with their favourite Chuggers through meet-and-greet sessions and live shows.

In addition, City Square Mall also provides useful and convenient amenities and facilities for families. These range from spacious nursing rooms with hot water dispensers to the complimentary use of kiddy cabs and prams. Families with larger family cars can also make use of the specially-designed family parking lots which are bigger. City Square Mall is also a one-stop destination for families to learn, shop and play with various education centres and shopping options for families and kids. The mall is also home to South East Asia's first integrated Toys'R'Us and Babies'R'Us store which offers an extensive selection of baby and children products.

City Square Mall's spokesperson said: "We are proud to receive this award once again as this is yet another affirmation of City Square Mall's commitment to making the mall family-friendly and welcoming for families to enjoy... As a family mall, we have done much to ensure that we stay committed to our principles of providing a fun and engaging shopping experience for families and children."

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