



## MEDIA RELEASE

### Suntec Singapore Team Cooks Up Victory at Culinary Competition

**Singapore, 27 November 2008** – It was a weekend of gastronomic delight and victory for the team at Suntec Singapore.

Suntec Singapore International Convention & Exhibition Centre's renowned culinary team witnessed double gastronomic glory at the inaugural "Food Safari and Home Electronics Fair", held from 14 – 16 November 2008.

Chef Chong Kok Loon from the Western Hot Kitchen emerged triumphant and was crowned the first-ever Safari King, after a 90-minute cook-off, which required him to prepare, cook and present the most unique Singapore dish. His winning dish *Chicken Roulade with Prawn Paste accompanied with Char Siew Rice and Pan Fried Minced Beef with Nonya Paste* won the hearts of the judges which included celebrity chef Violet Oon.

Chef Joe Muhammad Abdullah from the Muslim Kitchen was the first –runner up with his specialty dish *Beef Roulade stuffed with Asparagus with Black Bean Sauce, Lemon-Grass Seafood Skewer with Nonya Assam Sauce*.

"We are delighted that Suntec Singapore's culinary team has once again made its mark in the local culinary scene. It is through the participation of such culinary competitions that we are able to improve on and fine-tune our offerings, thereby encouraging creativity amongst our team," commented Koh Kian Leong, Director of Food & Beverage.

The Culinary Challenge had 12 under-30 young chefs pitted against each other for the most unique Singapore dish. Each chef prepared four plates of food for each category entered: one plate for display and three for the judges to sample. The main categories were meat, seafood, vegetables and a selection of tasty Singapore brand ambassador products.

The gastronomic glory has reinforced the epicurean and gastronomic talents and capabilities of Suntec Singapore's team of culinary experts. With one of the largest commercial kitchens in Singapore, Suntec Singapore's culinary geniuses are capable of serving up to 20,000 meals at any one time. In April, the team from Asia's leading convention centre excelled at the Food & Hotel Asia (FHA) 2008 Imperial Challenge – and walked away with a gold medal.

The Food Safari and Home Electronics Fair, organised by Sphere Exhibits, a subsidiary of Singapore Press Holdings, is the first electronics fair that combines food and electronics. This year's event attracted more than 50,000 visitors and featured more than 100 food and electronics products.

**About Suntec Singapore**

Suntec Singapore is a world-class venue located at the heart of Asia's most integrated meetings, conventions and exhibitions hub. With 100,000sqm of versatile floor space over six levels, this award-winning facility can cater to events from 10 to 20,000 persons. In addition, Suntec Singapore - Asia's Convention City offers direct access to 5,200 hotel rooms, 1,000 retail outlets, 300 restaurants, 6 museums and the region's newest centre for the performing arts, Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay. While only 20 minutes from Changi International Airport, Suntec Singapore is conveniently located adjacent to the Central Business District and just minutes from the city's entertainment and cultural attractions.

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