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Tour to “Tasty Europe”- Book Launch and Cooking Competition
Co-organized by Hospitality Industry Training & Development Centre (HITDC) and
European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao

(8th May, 2014) – Striving to provide its trainees with opportunities to widen their exposure, the Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre (HITDC) of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) is honoured to collaborate with the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao for an extraordinary event “Tasty Europe – Book Launch and Cooking Competition” held on 30 April, 2014 at HITDC.

Over 50 guests, including a number of Consul General’s and representatives from Consulates-General attended the event, to witness the beauty of Greek traditional cuisine and authentic beverages prepared by Chef Andreas Sourdass. Right after Chef Sourdass’ demonstration, eight chef students from HITDC showcased their culinary skills in a competition to compete in a Cooking Competition. Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macau, Mr. Christodoulos Margaritis, Consul General of Greece, and Chef Sourdass were the judges of the competition and presented the awards on the same day. Students of the Diploma in Western Raw Food Processing course Mr Li Hui Cheung and Mr Ling Tsz Hin, and a student of the Diploma in European Cuisine, Mr Hui Kin Wai, were the winners of the competition and would be invited to attend the official event to celebrate European Union day as guests of the EU. All the guests attending the event also received a useful guide and reference book focusing on European Cuisine called “Tasty Europe”, published by the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao after the very memorable event.

This successful event marks the beginning of an extraordinary joint journey of passion, mentorship and of human capital development with the members of the culinary industry and the European Union. As Ms Winnie Ngan, Director of Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre, Chinese Cuisine Training Institute & International Culinary Institute said, *“With the opening of the International Culinary Institute in 2016, where world class training to nurture future chefs well-versed in International Cuisines will be the main focus, the support of the EU in the years ahead will help to enable Hong Kong to scale new heights and fortify the city’s reputation as the Gourmet Paradise of Asia.”*

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About Hospitality Industry and Training Development Centre (HITDC)

Established in 1984, the Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre (HITDC) provides full-time and part-time professional certificate courses in Culinary, Hotel & Catering Operations, Food & Beverage Services, Tour Guide and Service Culture, Wine and Hotel Spa. Aiming to be the Centre of Excellence in providing world class competency-based training for the hospitality industry in Hong Kong, and to maintain and uphold Hong Kong's leadership position in the hospitality industry in Asia, guest chefs from local and overseas alike, are invited from time to time for culinary exchange as well as demonstration, so as to widen the exposure of trainees and in-service chefs. For more information, please visit www.hitdc.edu.hk



Image 1: Chef Andreas Sourdas from Greece. Chef Sourdas was educated in the Culinary School of Athens and he has 12 years working experience in several well-known culinary establishments in Athens and on the island of Santorini, Greece. In Santinori, he was the owner of a restaurant for six years after which he relocated with his family to Hong Kong and opened another Greek restaurant called Santorini in Soho area.



Image 2: Chef students from HITDC showcased their culinary skills by preparing the traditional Greek dish Prawns Saganaki in front of the guests.



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Image 3: Students of the Diploma in Western Raw Food Processing course Mr Li Hui Cheung won the title of champion of the cooking competition.



Image 4: All honourable guests and judges with contestants after the cooking competition (Position: Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macau, 7th from right, 2nd row; Mr. Christodoulos Margaritis, Consul General of Greece, 9th from right, 2nd row; Mr Miroslaw Adamczyk, Consul General of Poland, 6th from right, 2nd row; Ms Winnie Ngan, Director of HITDC, 8th from right, 2nd row)



Image 5: Mr. Christodoulos Margaritis, Consul General of Greece (2nd from left), attended the event to witness the beauty of Greek traditional cuisine and drinks prepared by Chef Andreas Sourdas (Centre).

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