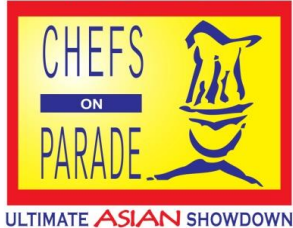


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35,000 visitors throng to COP 2013: 35% more than COP 2011!

From a culinary icon

Restaurateur, cookbook author and Filipino cuisine promoter Glenda Barretto was honored with the Larry J. Cruz award for her contribution to the food and restaurant industry. The esteemed lady behind the long-running Via Mare was awarded at the COP 2013 closing ceremonies. In her thank you-speech, the former HRAP President said she was very touched because LJC (as the late Larry J. Cruz was fondly called) was a dear colleague and personal friend. Ms. Barretto recalled that in the earlier years of HRAP, she and LJC aspired to professionalize the industry through live cooking contests. Witnessing how COP has grown to be a multi-faceted event made her feel proud. She said, "To the Organizing Committee, you did a good job. I congratulate you for your success."

Encouraging the youth

Brother Victor Franco, FSC, President of De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde reiterated COP's vision of developing young culinarians. In his speech at the closing, Bro. Victor said, "This activity brings together young people with their mentors, their idols, their inspirations. The healthy competition brings out the best in young people."

Chairman Bartholomi attested that the performance of the student-contestants has greatly improved. He cited the presentation and plating of their dishes as proof. He said, "Several entries looked outstanding."

Davao-based expat Chef Michael Oberle praised the student-chefs for their willingness to test their skills outside the school setting. He said, "I salute you students for the courage to compete and be judged."

Emotional moment

On March 4, Emmanuel Stroobant, as well as other chefs and HRAP officials visited Tuloy Foundation—the beneficiary of COP 2013. Tuloy Foundation is a shelter and learning center for former street children. Tuloy has its own culinary arts program. The visit was intended as a culminating activity of COP. Chairman Bartholomi recalled, "It was truly an emotional moment... Chef Jerome Lacressoniere of Alain Ducasse Education, Chef See Cheong Yan of Enderun, Chef Sau del Rosario and Chef Alex Dino from New York joined us that day together with the members of the COP Organizing Committee."



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