

Discover dishes from Down Under

Hotel serving Australian favourites at its weekend buffets this month

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THIS month the Federal Kuala Lumpur is dedicating their weekend buffet lines to an array of Australian dishes.

The iconic hotel which is turning 61 next month, took patrons on a gastronomic adventure with guest chefs from Australia serving dishes from Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and South Australia.

When Australian High Commissioner Andrew Goledzinowski arrived in Kuala Lumpur, he knew instantly food was the key to bringing people together.

"Instead of asking 'how are you?' people ask 'have you eaten?' or 'sudah makan?' each time we meet," he said, adding that the phrase caught on quickly and he

soon learned how Malaysians take pride in their meals and food from various cultures.

In Australia, he said many families and friends host barbecue dinners during the weekends.

"The food may not be all that good but the company is always amazing," he added.

Since arriving in Malaysia he has no problems finding his go-to Australian brands.

"When we first arrived, we knew the food would be good but we were not sure if stores had the brands we were familiar with.

"We were surprised that I can even find my favourite chips here," he said at the launch of the Discover Australia - A Taste of Australia at the hotel in Jalan Bukit Bintang.

Guests were treated to a variety of dishes such as grilled lamb, beef ribs, gourmet sausages, chicken kebab and grilled fish and prawns



(From left) Tourism Malaysia director-general Datuk Seri Mirza Mohammad Taiyab, Federal Hotel group marketing sales, business development and operations director Ooi Lee Ping, Tang, Goledzinowski and his wife Lyn Allan and Ho at the launch of the Discover Australia food festival. — Photos: SHAARI CHE MAT/ The Star

which will be featured in the Great Australian BBQ buffet dinner at the hotel's Kontiki Restaurant.

The dinner was prepared by executive chef Darren Ho and chef de partie Tang Hou Chin from Grace Hotel Sydney, a sister hotel of the Federal Kuala Lumpur.

The buffet dinner is only available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday until July 29 while the Australian Gourmet three-course set dinner is available daily until July 29 at their Bintang Lounge and Restaurant.

Those who dine during the promotion period will also stand a chance to win hotel stays at the Grace Hotel in Sydney, Australia.



Tang preparing meat at the grill station.



Loke flagging off the Porsche convoy in Putrajaya.

Porsche owners travel in 70-car convoy to attend anniversary in Bangkok

THE owners of 70 Porsche cars journeyed 1,478km to Bangkok in their luxury vehicles to celebrate the brand's 70th anniversary.

Transport Minister Anthony Loke kick-started the Porsche Club Malaysia members' journey to the Thai capital at the Transport Ministry building in Putrajaya.

It signalled the beginning of the Malaysian representatives' travel to the Show DC Oasis Arena for the

Porsche Sports car Together Day.

Datuk Danny Cheng, who led the convoy, said the team was not only there to attend the event but also to promote Visit Malaysia 2020.

Present at the celebration were delegates from countries such as Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore and more than 200 Porsche cars.

Earlier, club members handed Loke a mock cheque for RM25,000 as

their contribution to Tabung Harapan Malaysia.

The excited group of Porsche owners also sang a birthday song for Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad in conjunction with his 93rd birthday.

The event concluded with the flagging off of the convoy.

The July 14 event in Bangkok was South-East Asia's largest Porsche fan gathering. — By **ABBERNAA DHEVI K.**

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