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European Union Office Launches its “Tasty Europe” book with a Culinary Competition for students of the International Culinary Institute

(12 May, 2016 – Hong Kong) To showcase the beauty of European cuisine, the International Culinary Institute (ICI) of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) was honoured to collaborate with the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao for an extraordinary “Tasty Europe” event held on 3 May 2016 at the VTC Pokfulam Complex. The event was organised with the support of the Spanish Chef Association in Asia.

A number of guests including a representative from the Consulate General of Spain attended the event to indulge in a European gastronomic journey. The event kick started with the launch of a new edition of “*Tasty Europe*” published by the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao (EU). The book includes 28 recipes of traditional European cuisine from all the European Member States and is available for free through the EU Office. The event was then followed by a culinary demonstration presented by Chef Vito CHIAVACCI from the Spanish Chef Association. With 15 years’ experience under his belt, Chef CHIAVACCI demonstrated 3 exquisite Spanish dishes, including *Tortilla – Spanish Omelette with Potatoes and Onions, Traditional Gazpacho with Toppings, and Catalan Cream* which are all-time favourites of culinary connoisseurs.

Right after the demonstration, 8 culinary students from the ICI competed in a cooking competition where they had to woo the judges with Tortilla as taught by Chef CHAVACCI. The judge panel was formed by Vincent PIKET, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macao, Avelino Busto CORNEJO, Vice Consul (Head of Administration) of the Consulate General of Spain in Hong Kong, Chef Vito CHIAVACCI and Chef Andreas MULLER, Programme Director (International Cuisine) of ICI. After an intense competition, LAM Chun Yeung, student from the Diploma in European Cuisine programme was crowned the winner. He attended the “European Union Day” with two other winners.

This successful event signifies the joint efforts of both parties to develop young talents for the growth and development of Hong Kong’s culinary industry. Adrian Peter ORT (Programme Director - Operations and Development) of ICI said, “With the opening of the International Culinary Institute in the 1st quarter of 2018, we look forward to strengthening our partnership with the European Union Office and bringing the diverse and deep-rooted gastronomical cultures of the EU countries to students and industry in Hong Kong.”

International Culinary Institute (ICI)

The International Culinary Institute (ICI) is a member of VTC group. It aims at developing professional talent for the catering, wine and hospitality sectors to support Hong Kong's growing reputation as one of the world's top cities for dining. ICI offers a wide spectrum of training in international cuisines, including European, Mediterranean, Latin American, Asian, Middle Eastern and more. With its state-of-the-art facilities, ICI provides theoretical and practical training for people aspiring to acquire or advance their skills for a career in culinary arts. Website: www.ici.edu.hk

Tasty Europe book of recipes

To obtain a hard copy of the "*Tasty Europe*" book of recipes you can contact the EU Office to Hong Kong and Macao or download a copy from the EU's website.

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(Image 1) Chef Vito CHIAVACCI from the Spanish Chef Association worked in a number of Michelin starred restaurants and hotels before moving to Hong Kong in 2012. He is currently the Executive Chef of La Paloma, a Spanish restaurant in Hong Kong.



(Image 2) 8 culinary students from ICI showcased their culinary skills by preparing *Tortilla – Spanish Omelette with Potatoes and Onions* in front of the guests and judges.



(Image 3) LAM Chun Yeung, student from the Diploma in European Cuisine programme, was the winner of the competition.



(Image 4) Honourable guests and judges congratulated the contestants after the cooking competition. (Second row, from the left) Avelino Busto CORNEJO, Vice Consul (Head of Administration) of Consulate General of Spain in Hong Kong, Vincent PIKET, Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macau, Chef Vito CHIAVACCI, Adrian Peter ORT (Programme Director - Operations and Development) of ICI, LAM Chun Yeung, the winner of the competition and Chef Andreas MULLER, Programme Director (International Cuisine) of ICI