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## **SuperStar Libra chefs garner culinary accolades in Penang**

**Hong Kong and Penang, 13 June 2011** – A team of food & beverages connoisseurs from Star Cruises' SuperStar Libra recently competed for culinary glories at "Battle of the Chefs" of the 13 Penang International Salon Gastronomique 2011 competition and brought home six well-earned accolades.

In four categories (Pacific West Cooking, Fruit and Vegetable Carving, Asian and Continental Dessert and Plated Dishes Category), six talented chefs from SuperStar Libra created innovative and meticulously-designed dishes that earned recognition from a panel of esteemed judges. Chef Shah Irwan Omar (Chef De Partie) earned the Pacific West Cooking Bronze Medal, Chef Jerry Jinakin (2nd Cook) Fruit & Vegetable Carving 4<sup>th</sup> Place / Diploma, Chef James Chui (Pastry Chef) Asian & Continental Dessert 4<sup>th</sup> Place / Diploma while Chef Chen Lee Ling Patricia (2nd Cook), Chef Ferdinand Sulla (Sous Chef) and Chef Roberto Palomer (Chef De Partie) were each awarded a - Plated Dishes Finalist certificate.

Organized by Chefs Association of Malaysia (Penang Chapter) and held on 3-5 June 2011 in Straits Quay, Penang, more than 1,000 chefs and food & beverage experts from Southeast Asia battled it out for the top glories in over 40 categories, all judged on stringent criteria.

“The competition was a great experience for all of us to try out and perfect new dishes, and sharpen our cooking and presentation skills,” said Chef Shah. “After competing against other contenders, we have a heightened sense of cuisine mastery that will come handy in our services on Star Cruises.”

Mr Willian Ng, Chief Operating Officer, Star Cruises, said, “It’s a pleasure to see our team honing their cooking skills in a competitive environment. This determination to improve our service is a testament to Star Cruises’ core value of continuously strengthening our products and services to better serve our customers.”

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The award-winning cooking team from SuperStar Libra brings home six well-earned accolades from “Battle of the Chefs” of the 13 Penang International Salon Gastronomique 2011.



Chef Shah Irwan Omar of SuperStar Libra prepares his Bronze medal-winning dish (Pacific West Cooking) at the 13 Penang International Salon Gastronomique 2011.



Chef Jerry Jinakin of SuperStar Libra carves his way to 4<sup>th</sup> place (Fruit & Vegetable Carving) at the 13 Penang International Salon Gastronomique 2011.

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