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PH's first Escoffier grads come home

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Nine Filipinos have made a mark in history as the first batch of graduates of the French cuisine flagship program of the Institut Culinaire Disciples Escoffier (ICDE) and the Center for Culinary Arts (CCA Manila).

Consisting of professionals and students from diverse backgrounds, the pioneer batch was honored via formal commencement rites held at the Cravings Fraser Place in Makati City.

Andrei Arlo Carsi Aniag, Mary Ann Enriquez, Michael Daniele Fortes, Maricon Hii, Mika Nagashima, Jecelle Joi Oliva, Armin Saharkhiz, Leslie Suarez, and Lisam John Tan make up the pioneering batch.

Taking pride in their milestone are their families and friends, together with ICDE and CCA officials led by Cravings Group CEO Marinela Guererro-Trinidad, CFO ICDE-Amis

Disciples Escoffier International Asia President Thierry Muller, Disciples Escoffier Philippines Delegation Founding President Philip John Golding, CCA Manila Chancellor Ma. Veritas Luna, Business Development and PR Director Liza Hernandez-Morales, and CCA-ICDE Philippines faculty member Bruno Tirel.

French Masterchef Cyrille Soenen who is also Resorts World Manila's director of Culinary Arts, Food and Beverage and Professeur de Lycee Professionnel titulaire 2eme Grade Delphine Bonneau also graced the affair.

Prior to receiving their well-deserved certifications, the graduates, using the classical French cookery training they have obtained from their French masterschefinstructors, prepared a dish for final assessment by Bonneau, who is also the French $\,$ Ministry of Education representative

The graduates were presented with three diplomas – the Escoffier Grand Diploma in Culinary Arts from ICDE, the National Diploma in French Cuisine from the French Ministry of Education - both of which are internationally recognized certifications and a diploma in French cuisine from CCA Manila.

Muller expressed his elation over the graduates' commendable work.

"We are very happy and honored to introduce a huge and worldwide organization and a recognized French culinary program in the Philippines. As the newest members of the biggest congregation of chefs in the world, I congratulate our first batch of ICDE graduates in the Philippines. Today, you have made the first step. Don't forget the teachings of Auguste Escoffier as you go on your journey as professional chefs," he said.

In her speech, Guererro-Trinidad recalled how the groundbreaking collaboration between CCA, Manila and ICDE made way for the Philippines' pioneer Escoffier

"All the decisions took time as we were committed to establish a French culinary arts program that is at the forefront of culinary innovation and at par with international standards. ICDE was certainly the best partner for this program. The CCA family deeply thanks Chef Robert Fontana, Thierry Muller, Ben Grenier and Vincent Leroux for their uncompromising support to this partnership. Our first batch of graduates is proof of our shared efforts in establishing the ICDE Philippines," she said.

Congratulating the graduates, she remarked, "You mark the 20th anniversary of CCA



The pioneer batch of CCA-ICDE are now ready to pursue a global culinary career. Flanking them are master chef Cyrille Soenen, ISDE CFO Thierry Muller, ICDE chef David Contant, founding president of Disciples Escoffier Philippines Philip Golding, and ICDE marketina director Jeanne Lu

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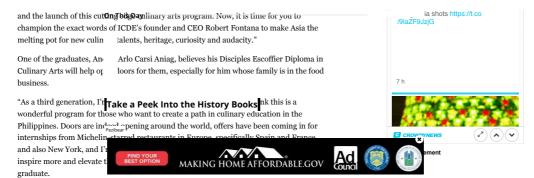
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The pioneers can look forward to a full range of support services, one of which is being part of the Escoffier alumni network with over 25,000 members in 26 countries CONTACT INFO

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Enrollment for the second batch of the Escoffier French Cuisine course is ongoing.

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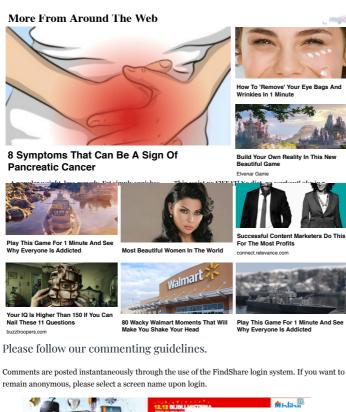
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