



# rewarded in style

exuberant recipients in victory pose

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE, 7 APRIL 2002

FOR THE SECOND YEAR RUNNING, the Awards of Excellence were presented to the well-deserved. Also known as the 'Oscars of the food & beverage industry', the electrifying atmosphere that night was filled with tension and excitement. The unanimous question was, who will the recipients be?

The results must have been a good reflection of the recipients' contribution and work. For one, the audience broke into cheers and applause when Sjefke Jansen went onstage to receive his Martell Cognac Food & Beverage Manager of the Year award, with many rushing to give congratulatory handshakes. Emmanuel Stroobant bagged double victory with the Chef of the Year as well as Christofle New Restaurant of the Year awards. Going strong was the Les Amis group, that not only promptly garnered the Wine List of the Year award again, but had both Sommelier Aby Tan and chef of Lighthouse Nam Quoc Nguyen sweeping the Screwpull Sommelier of

the Year and San Pellegrino Rising Chef of the Year awards respectively. Not to be outdone, the Tung Lok Group also reigned with Club Chinois as Asian Ethnic Restaurant of the Year and its director of kitchens, Sam Leong is once again, Asian Ethnic Chef of the Year.



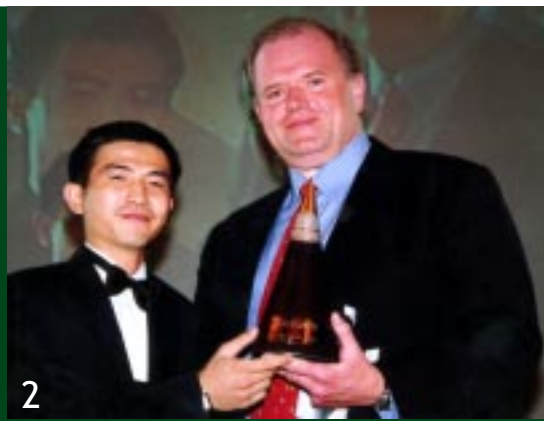
Mr and Mrs Knipp, Dr Lee Boon Yang, Wee Ee-chao, Yeo Khee Leng

**Primary Partners**





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- 1 MPS Puri, Lifetime Achievement award recipient receiving his trophy from Minister of Manpower, Dr Lee Boon Yang
- 2 Screwpull Sommelier of the Year, Aby Tan with Xavier Hauger
- 3 Alfredo Pangrazzi giving the Electrolux Culinary Institution of the Year award to SHATEC representative
- 4 San Pellegrino Rising Chef of the Year, Nam Quoc Nguyen
- 5 Asian Ethnic Chef of the Year, Sam Leong and Chef of the Year, Emmanuel Stroobant, sharing a moment of joy
- 6 Dr N K Yong, " Thank God we are spared the tedious task of listening to recipients thanking their fathers and mother tonight..."
- 7 Andrew Tjioe representing Club Chinois ,Asian Ethnic Restaurant of the Year with Yeo Khee Leng, chief executive of STB
- 8 Liz Daniels, representative from Le Cordon Bleu
- 9 Martell Cognac Food & Beverage Manager of the Year, Sjefke Jansen of Raffles Hotel with Martell masterblender, Patrick Raguenaud

The Awards of Excellence can only propel one towards more excellence. Most of the overjoyed recipients, it seems, already had more ambitious plans in their bags. Emmanuel Stroobant revealed that " we are going to grow bigger in terms of size" and as a chef, he is also interested in "looking at more creative techniques and playing around with ingredients". The Tung Lok Group will be going in the modern Chinese cuisine direction. As Andrew Tjioe revealed, "We believe that this concept works for us. In fact we are working on this new restaurant and pub at Ngee Ann City, named Imperium."



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