

## World Gourmet Summit Awards of Excellence 2007

The Awards of Excellence was launched in April 2001 in conjunction with the epicurean event of the region, the World Gourmet Summit (WGS). This annual event seeks to give recognition to worthy individuals in the F&B industry, from sommeliers to restaurant managers to chefs. The awards ceremony was officiated by Guest-of-Honour Mr S Iswaran, Minister for Trade and Industry and was held at the WGS Awards Luncheon at Swissôtel The Stamford, Singapore on 21 April 2007.

SHA would like to congratulate Pang Kok Keong of Canelé Pâtisserie Chocolaterie, a SHATEC graduate for winning the *Cacao Barry Pastry Chef of the Year* award.

SHA is also happy to note that Ignatius Chan's head chef Dorin Schuster was voted *S.Pellegrino Chef of the Year*. Ignatius Chan is the owner of Iggy's and a SHATEC alumnus.



### 3 Singapore Restaurants Among World's Top 100

Three local restaurants are putting Singapore on the global culinary map. Iggy's, Les Amis and My Humble House have been voted among the world's top 100 eateries by the prestigious British magazine, *Restaurant*, published by William Reed Publishing.

Announced on 23 April 2007, the annual list is put together by an international panel of 560 restaurateurs, food critics and enthusiasts from all over the world. South-east Asia had 30 panellists including Vietnam-based American celebrity chef Bobby Chinn and a strong contingent from Singapore, including renowned chefs Justin Quek and Jimmy Chok, and restaurateurs Loh Lik Peng and Keith Loh.

Iggy's came in 60th, Les Amis 83rd and My Humble House 94th. Singapore is the only country in South-east Asia to make the list, which has been published since 2002.

Iggy's was the first Singapore restaurant to crack the list last year, coming in 98th. Ignatius Chan is the owner of Iggy's and a SHATEC alumnus. Les



Amis was founded in 1994 by Justin Quek, also a SHATEC alumnus, Ignatius, and 2 other partners. Many of Les Amis' employees are also SHATEC alumni, like chef sommelier Randy See. SHA is happy to note that SHATEC alumni are faring well.

### Orchard Hotel Singapore Goes Smoke-Free

From the first day of the Lunar New Year, 18 February 2007, Orchard Hotel Singapore went 100% smoke-free, which includes all guestrooms, restaurants, lounges, meeting rooms, public areas and employee work areas.

With 75% of Orchard Hotel's guest rooms already non-smoking, this is a 25% increase from two years ago when the trend moved towards an increasing non-smoking inventory based on the demand and preferences of hotel guests. Smoking is currently prohibited in several public areas due to local laws and in line with the National Environment Agency's new smoking regulations, which will be implemented in Singapore from 1 July 2007.

Orchard Hotel is the second hotel to go smoke-free in Singapore, after Royal Plaza on Scotts reopened as a totally non-smoking hotel just in January this year.