

## TREASURY AND TOM YUM MIX FOR A TANTALISING OCBC COOKING TREAT

Kuala Lumpur, 3 March 2014 – Cooking up a splendid array of Thai dishes with virtually no previous experience was the order of the day when sixteen OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad Treasury customers came under the experimental tutelage of renowned local chef Rohani Jelani.

And when they finally got to taste their very own masterpieces, each of them was all spiced up with their culinary exploits.

The Bank's Treasury Division had got together some of their top customers to take part in the rare treat at the Bayan Indah Culinary Retreat, which is operated by Rohani, who hosted the event with OCBC Bank.



Rohani Jelani, Kimmy Khoo & son, Shirley Sun, Belinda Lee, Zuraidah Yaacob, Ho Say Kheng at the cooking class organised by OCBC Bank

According to Rohani, Thai food is well known in Malaysia as a crowd favourite, but not many know exactly how to do it right.

“The OCBC Bank customers were delightful to work with although, clearly, most of them had little experience in Thai cuisine. And that was good, since this was to be a journey into something from scratch. I could see that they were well and truly delighted to be able to master the art of creating famous Thai dishes such as *Tom Yum Kung* (clear hot and sour prawn soup), *Keang Keow Wan Kai* (green curry chicken) and the ultimate all-in-one crowd pleaser, mango sticky rice,” she said.

The customers had fun, with uncontrollable laughter spreading across the room as trembling hands steadied themselves to learn the art of cooking up the perfect Thai spread, most doing so for the very first time.

“The way I was going, I really thought no one would be able to take in what I was coming up with. But Rohani was really good – with her patient coaching my end product received the thumbs up from everyone. Really delightful stuff, this experience! I’m already looking forward to the next session,” said Ms Aloh Zuhairah, Senior Manager of Maxis Bhd.



Lai Wei Ming, Angeline Chia, Ann Tan, Aloh Zuhairah, Lee Ray Feng at the cooking class organised by OCBC Bank.

According to Ms Grace Tiew, Deputy General Manager of APM Holdings, what started out as a journey into the unknown turned out to be a very enjoyable day.

“The class was a refreshing change of pace and I look forward to putting what I learnt to good use.”

OCBC Bank’s Head of Global Treasury Mr Ng Seow Pang said the cooking classes were organised for customers to give them a chance to wind down and enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

“Our customers are significant forces in their own right in their respective careers, but cooking up Thai dishes was not necessarily something that would come too easily to them; so, it was always going to be challenging trying their hands at something there were clearly not skilled at...but interested in.

“We thought it would be nice to offer this opportunity for them to do something quite different and rewarding. It was challenging, but this was certainly no pressure cooker session as the relaxing ambience at Bayan Indah Culinary Retreat coupled with chef Rohani Jelani’s fun and accommodating approach did well to serve out an enjoyable day for everyone,” he said.

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