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GOT CHEF, WILL COOK

OCBC Bank customers rub shoulders with celebrity cooks Todd English and Rohani Jelani

Kuala Lumpur, 9 December 2010 – It's not everyday that one gets to rub shoulders with celebrity chef Todd English. But that's exactly what customers of OCBC Bank (Malaysia) Berhad's Treasury Division recently did when they showed up at the Bank's cooking event at Bayan Indah Culinary Retreat. The Resort is operated by renowned local chef Rohani Jelani who co-hosted the event with OCBC Bank.

The customers had tremendous fun over the two cooking sessions that were led by Rohani Jelani. There was uncontrollable laughter as trembling hands steadied themselves to do justice to the presence of such culinary luminaries ... and as they tried their best to master the art of cooking the exotic dishes for the very first time.

The first session, *Organic Malaysian Cooking*, had customers whipping up rustic Malay cuisine such as the well-loved *nasi kerabu*, *ayam percik* and *kerabu jantung pisang*. They prepared the meals using wholly organic ingredients such as organic chicken and prawns which complemented the herbs sourced directly from Bayan Indah's organic gardens. The second session centred on various popular Western dishes.

"It was an interesting experience and a good way to de-stress. And having Todd English around was indeed a surprise... a very pleasant one!" said Jaclyn Loy, Chief Financial Officer of Scomi Oiltools Sdn Bhd, who attended the event as a customer of the bank.

According to OCBC Bank's Head of Global Treasury, Mr Gan Kok Kim, the cooking classes were organised for customers to give them a chance to enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

"We decided to pamper our customers in a different way today. By calling them to try their hands at cooking, we were really inviting them to bring out the best in their culinary ability. It was nice to see them having such a wonderful experience. And the presence of both Todd English and Rohani Jelani served to make this no ordinary cooking session," Gan said.

Another customer of the Bank, Datin Theresa Fong, Chairman of Caely Holdings Berhad, said she enjoyed herself, adding she had never been to a hands-on culinary class before.

With such positive feedback from its customers, OCBC Bank aims to organise a similar session next year.

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OCBC Treasury customers with Todd English and Chef Rohani (in white apron) after the cooking session.



A happy bunch with their masterpieces.