

THE 'Courts of Master Sommeliers 2011' (CMS) course endorsed by the Sommelier Association of Malaysia was the first programme of its kind to be held in Malaysia. It was facilitated by the Wine Academy, with BERJAYA University College of Hospitality (BERJAYA UCH) being the official venue partner.

The course was conducted by three Master Sommeliers from the United Kingdom who respectively are: CMS worldwide chief executive officer Brian Julyan, Full Circle Wine Solutions Inc president and chief education officer, author of *Five Star Service: Your Guide to Hospitality Excellence* and the critically acclaimed book, *Perfect Pairings: As Master Sommelier's Practical Advice for Partnering Wine with Food*, Evan Goldstein, and Boutinot Wines fine dining account manager Nigel Wilkinson.

This prestigious Introductory Sommelier and Certified Sommelier programmes were held from Sept 29 to Oct 1 in BERJAYA UCH's five-star Oenology Lab and the Samplings on the Fourteen, the university college's classy fine-dining training restaurant located on the 14th floor, East at Berjaya Times Square, Kuala Lumpur.

High achievers



A group picture with all the participants and the three Master Sommeliers after the joyful graduation gala dinner.

During the graduation gala dinner, Court of Master Sommeliers chief executive Brian Julyan, expressed his sincerest gratitude to BERJAYA UCH for its support as all the needs and requirements of the participants were fulfilled immediately.

"I'm glad to announce that the standard of the CMS is fantastic, because despite the fact that this is the first time the CMS is being held in Malaysia, there is a 100% pass in

the introductory course, a first for the Court!" exclaimed Julyan, who is an avid wine enthusiast.

"Once again, I would like to thank BERJAYA UCH for their courtesy and well done to all participants," he added during his opening speech.

BERJAYA UCH would also like to congratulate and introduce the four participants from the School of Hospitality Management (SHM) that passed the Introductory Sommelier programme – Christopher Harris,

Francis Joykin, Mixon G Kumaran and Ronald Willie Binati.

Ever eager to expand their knowledge and sharpen their skills, SHM's academic members continue to pursue their passion in learning and teaching through related courses such as CMS for the betterment of their professional as well as personal development.

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ers behind the education wheel. BERJAYA UCH is proud to have myriad academicians and lecturers who take the initiative to improve themselves professionally.

"From taking part in prominent courses such as CMS to entering competitions and winning awards, I am proud to say that the education drivers who are steering this University College are all moving towards the vision of BERJAYA UCH – to *Inspire Lives and Widen Horizons*," said BERJAYA UCH chief operating officer Mae Ho.

CMS was established in England in 1977 to encourage improved standards of beverage knowledge and service in hotels and restaurants.

Education was then, and remains today, the Court's charter. There are four stages involved in attaining the top qualifications of Master Sommelier are Introductory Sommelier, Certified Sommelier, Advanced Sommelier and Master Sommelier Diploma. As of today, there are only 187 certified sommeliers in the world.

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