

Rules & Regulations

ORGANISER & ELIGIBILITY

1. This Nestlé Golden Chef Hat Award ["The Competition"] is presented by Nestlé Professional ["Presenter"]; organised by Chef Association of Malaysia ["Organiser"]; and co-organised by Taylor's University School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts ["Co-organiser"] and is open to all Malaysian citizens under 28 years of age (as of **16th November 2012**) and is currently working in the F&B industry.
2. The following group of persons shall not be eligible to participate in this Competition:
 - a. Permanent and/or contract employees of the Presenter, the Organiser and the Co-organiser and their immediate family members (including spouses, children, parents, brothers and sisters); and/or
 - b. Representatives, employees, servants and/or agents of advertising and/or promotion service providers of the Presenter, the Organiser and the Co-organiser and their immediate family members and/or
 - c. Permanent and/or contract employees of the official Judges and their immediate family members.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Just email in your Entry Form copy, attached with a copy of your MyKad.
2. Each Entry Form submitted must be completed with the required personal details, signature of your Executive Chef or F&B Manager. Your entries must be submitted by email to the email address stated on the Entry Form.
3. All Entry Form(s) received become the property of the Organiser and will not be returned.
4. The final date for submission of entries is **21st September 2012**.
5. Incomplete and/or illegible Entry Form(s) will automatically be disqualified. Proof of receipt will be an acknowledgement email by return email which will be sent within 3 working days after submission.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. No submissions of Entry Forms will be entertained after **21st September 2012**. The Organiser shall reserve the right to end or extend the period.
2. Selected participants who have submitted their Entry Forms will have to attend a Menu Creation Session on **12th October 2012** at their selected locations. A Mystery Box will be revealed during the Menu Creation Session, comprising of selected MAGGI® products. The Rules & Regulations for the use of the Mystery Box will be determined on the day of the Menu Creation Session. The Menu Creation Session will include the presentation of a creative menu for 4 servings of western dishes (1 set-display, 3 sets-judging) comprising of Appetizer, Soup, Main Course and Dessert.
3. 16 of the best, and most creative menus created will be shortlisted and these finalists would have to attend a Cook-off Competition held at Taylor's University School of Hospitality, Tourism and Culinary Arts on **17th November 2012**. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by email. Participants who have not been selected will be notified by email.
4. Finalists will be responsible to bring ALL their own ingredients on the day of the Cook-off Competition according to the ingredients stated during the Menu Creation Session, including oil, salt, sugar, vinegar etc. All ingredients must be HALAL in origin. The Organiser will not provide any ingredients during the Cook-off Competition. Finalists are not allowed to pre-prepare any of their ingredients beforehand. Finalists will be reimbursed with RM200 each, regardless of the total amount spent.
5. Each finalist's menu during the Cook-off Competition **MUST BE CONSISTENT** with the menu created during the Menu Creation Session and no deviation from the original menu will be allowed.
6. The menu should be prepared within the stipulated 3 ½ hours time limit during the competition.
7. Judging criteria will be based on Hygiene & Safety (total 8 points), Mise En Place (total 9 points), Preparation (total 23 points), Presentation (total 20 points), Nutrition, Health & Wellness (total 10 points) and Taste (total 30 points). Please refer to the Marking System for more details.
8. In the event of any Finalist(s) failing to turn up for the Competition, they will be automatically disqualified.
9. It is the responsibility of the Finalists to make their own arrangements for return transportation and/or accommodation to attend the Cook-off Competition, at their own cost. Finalist(s) whose company is out of Klang Valley will each receive RM300.00 as travelling allowance (address is based on company address).
10. Kitchen equipments will be provided for the Cook-off Competition which includes individual use of four open stoves and an oven as well as shared use of the salamander and combi ovens. Finalists **must also only use the standard Chinaware provided** by the Organiser, this includes a Fish Plate for the Appetizer Course, Soup Cup for the Soup Course, Dinner Plate for the Main Course and a Fish Plate for the Dessert Course. Finalists are not allowed to bring their own Chinaware.
11. Finalists are responsible for the cleaning of the stoves and their workstation after the Cook-off Competition.
12. Finalists are required to be properly attired in full Chef's Jacket during the Cook-off Competition. Your Chef's Jacket must not bear any company(ies) logo(s).
13. Finalists must arrive at the venue 30 minutes before the start of the Cook-off Competition for verification and entry. In the event that a Finalist arrives after the Cook-off Competition has started, he/she will NOT be allowed to participate. Finalists are advised to contact the Organiser if there are any doubts regarding the interpretation of criteria.
14. The winners will be announced during a special Award Presentation Ceremony on the **17th November 2012**. The 16 Finalists are required to attend this ceremony, and they must be dressed in their Chef's Jacket. In the event that a Finalist(s) does not attend, he/she will automatically be disqualified.
15. At the end of the Competition, there will be one [1] Champion, one [1] 1st Runner-up, and one [1] 2nd Runner-up.
16. All Prizes are given on an "As Is" basis. Finalist(s) will assume full liability in case of any liability, mishap, injury, damage, claim or accidents resulting from their participation in the Cook-off Competition and/or use and/or redemption of the prizes.
17. The Organiser shall reserve at its absolute discretion to substitute any of the prizes with that of similar value at any time without prior notice. All prizes are non-transferable and not exchangeable for cash, credit or kind, in part or in full.
18. The Organiser shall reserve the right to use the names and/or photographs of the Participants as materials for the purposes of advertising and publicity and the Participants shall not be entitled to claim ownership or other forms of compensation on the materials.
19. The panels of judges' decisions are final and no correspondence thereon will be entertained.
20. All decisions regarding the Competition, including but not limited to, rules eligibility, Participant selection of Participants and/or Finalists and the awarding of prizes, are at the Organiser's sole and exclusive discretion, are final, and are not subject to appeal.
21. By participating in the Competition, Participants agree to abide by the Rules & Regulations and decisions of the Organiser.