Shangri-La opens in Shenzhen

Futian Shangri-La, Shenzhen China opened for business on Oct 23, this year where Gerhard Hecker, the hotel's general manager, together with the hotel management and staff warmly welcomed the first guest, Wong Siu Kong from Hong Kong.

In celebration of the hotel's opening, a special introductory rate is available. Representing savings of 50 per cent, the special introductory rate starts from RMB1,280 per night for a Deluxe room, single or double occupancy.

The offer is valid until Jan 31 January next year but is subject to availability and a 15 percent service charge.

"The opening of Futian Shangri-La, Shenzhen not only sets new standards of luxury hospitality and dining in Shenzhen but also focuses attention on this dynamic new part of the city, the 'New Centre of Shenzhen' – Futian," Hecker says in a statement.

The opening of the 548-room Futian Shangri-La, Shenzhen adds a 40-storey luxury building to the city's skyline. Guestrooms, averaging 45 square metres in size, feature a design that is both classic and contemporary, while being warm and comfortable.

Café Zen, the hotel's all-day dining outlet, offers diners specialities from Hong Kong, local favourites as well as Asian and Western dishes. Alfresco dining on the restaurant's terrace is available.

The renowned Chinese restaurant, Fook Lam Moon, open for lunch and dinner, offers diners authentic and exquisite Cantonese cuisine.

Open all day, the Lobby Lounge offers snacks, pastries and desserts, as well as high tea in the afternoons, in an international ambience.

Live entertainment is available throughout the day including an eight-piece Chinese band and a pianist. Opening later this year, Angelini Restaurant and Bar will serve diners authentic Italian cuisine with an extensive collection of vintage wines, while the club-like bar will provide drinks and antipasti along with exciting live entertainment.

For event organisers, Futian Shangri-La, Shenzhen houses a 1,800-square-metre grand ballroom with a high ceiling of 9.5 metres. With the latest technology lift transportation to deliver massive equipment, including vehicles, directly to the ballroom, the grand ballroom is ideal for car and product launches.

An auditorium, a junior ballroom, a boardroom and a range of seven function rooms are also available, and can be customised to meet all requirements. A professional team of event specialists are on hand to ensure that all events are a success.

Guests interested in fitness can enjoy the fully equipped health club and outdoor tennis court. The 25-metre indoor swimming pool and luxurious spa facilities with a spacious wellness area offering a variety of signature facial and body treatments will open in December 2008.

Futian is the bustling business district of Shenzhen, one of the largest cities in southern China, and is located adjacent to Hong Kong. The hotel is only a short distance from the Shenzhen Convention and Exhibition Centre, Shenzhen Civic Centre, thriving retail areas and office towers, and just a few minutes' walk from Shenzhen's mass transit railway system, which links directly to the border crossing with Hong Kong. It offers easy access to Shenzhen International Bao'an Airport, the Shekou ferry terminal and the city's major tourist attractions.

Opening up the hotel

Gifts for the first guest

Hong Kong-based Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts currently own and/or manage 56 hotels under the Shangri-La and Traders brands with a room's inventory of over 28,000.

Shangri-La hotels are five-star deluxe properties featuring extensive luxury facilities and services. Shangri-La hotels are located in Australia, Mainland China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Sultanate of Oman, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

The group has over 50 projects under development in Austria, Canada, Mainland China, France, India, Japan, Macau, Maldives, Philippines, Qatar, Seychelles, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom and the United States. For more information or reservations, please contact a travel professional or access the website at www.shangri-la.com.

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