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By ANNA VIVIENNE

Halloween came and went. During this time, several hotels celebrated this famous German Oktoberfest, including the Shangri-La's Tanjung Aru Resort, (STAR) in Kota Kinabalu.

The celebration which started at 6pm was attended by more than 400 people from all over Kota Kinabalu will have the opportunity to experience the greatest celebration of German heritage, the Oktoberfest.

Held at the Grand Ballroom, guests were feted to traditional German dishes such as sausages, potato dumplings and sauerkraut.

Other famous dishes include Bretzen, a salty pretzel and caraway seed grissini; Kartoffelsalat, a German potato salad; Sauerkraut, a finely sliced sour cabbage; Gulaschsuppe, a beef goulash soup; Leberkaes, baked meatloaf; Apfel Strudel, an apple strudel with vanilla custard; and Prinzregenten Torte, the "Prince Regent" cake.

Games such as Beer Roulette, Arm Wrestling, Beer Relay, and Speedy Gonzales were also held.

To get the most out of this Bavarian experience, guests had to brush up on the words from Ein Prosit, the infamous Bavarian drinking song. The traditional way of celebrating Oktoberfest is to lift up a stein of beer and shout, Prost.

Meanwhile, 250 guests comprising key tourism players, corporate and government guests, as well as management staff of the resort, gathered recently at STAR, Kota Kinabalu's Grand Ballroom to attend an appreciation party that was also a farewell cocktail event for outgoing general manager, Ulf Bremer.

The hotel's new general manager, Matthias Roeke, was then introduced during the event. Roeke was formally resident manager at Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong.

In his farewell speech, Bremer expressed his appreciation to the resort staff for their full support throughout his tenure, as well as to his close friends and associates for their friendship and warm hospitality.

Bremer joined STAR Kota Kinabalu in 2004 and ended his term on 20 October 2007. He moved on to his new position as general manager of Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel, Taipei.

On another note STAR hosted the Tyrell's Wine Cocktail Dinner organised by Asiaeuro recently. The dinner featured fine wines from Australia and was attended by a group of the hotel's in-house guests, Trio members as well as general managers and food and beverage directors from hotels around the city.

The wine dinner started with free flowing Moore's Creek Sparkling Brut and was followed by a presentation about Tyrell's Wines by the company's international manager, Nick Bath. Guests mingled throughout the evening while enjoying fine wines which were fully sponsored by Asiaeuro and paired with cuisine prepared at six separate stations. The dishes and their complementary wine pairings were:

Tyrrell's Old Winery Shiraz 2003 paired with Beef Consommé with Shiraz and Vegetable Juliennes followed by Hunter Valley Chardonnay 2004 paired with Salad of Prawns and Papaya in Wonton Skin Basket

The Moore's Creek Semillon Sauvignon Blanc 2005 paired with Pan Fried Scallop and Beef Bacon on Lemon-grass Skewer was then served.

The next course was Reserve STEVENS Shiraz paired with Parmesan and Truffle Risotto with Shiraz Reduction followed by Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 paired with Beef Casserole Bourguignon on Soft Rosemary Polenta.

The fine dinner ended with Hunter Chardonnay 2003 paired with Mousse of Salted Codfish on Bread Crouton.



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