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Chefs to use local ingredients to prepare signature dishes

PETALING JAYA: From cigar-shaped chocolates and cotton candy wrapped strawberries to bowls of steaming hot herbal soups, the crowd had their pick of hundreds of gourmet dishes.

The gala launch of the Malaysia International Gourmet Festival (MIGF) 2007 at a hotel here last night was a mouth-watering event indeed.

Food masterpieces were beautifully laid out at booths while sofas were strategically placed for those present to sit and enjoy their choice of food.

The event was launched by Tunku Naquiddin Tuanku Ja'afar.

After spending hours preparing their masterpieces, the participat-

ing Master Chefs clanged away with their pots and ladles to the tune of *That's the way I like it* to mark the opening.

Among the sea of dishes were green tea tiramisu, chocolate cigars and strawberry with Italian meringue, to pan fried fresh scallops stuffed with shrimps and Japanese style baked salmon fillet.

About 2,000 guests were present.

"Eat well, have fun, and don't worry about your waistline tonight. How you deal with the guilt is up to you," organising chairman Datuk Steve Day told those present.

The food fest, which will run till Nov 30, will see Master Chefs from 30 local restaurants prepare signature dishes with local ingredients.

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All set: (In suits from left) Day, Tourism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Victor Wee and Tunku Naquiddin marking the launch of the gourmet festival last night with the Master Chefs, who clanged their pots and ladles to the tune of 'That's the way I like it'.