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A Visit to Suntory Beer Brewery

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By YASUTOSHI ABE

On May 13, we visited the Suntory Beer Musashino Brewery. This trip was organized by Mr. Nakai of the Suntory Liquors Limited to comply with the requests by the concierges. Approximately 20 Tokyo hotel concierges participated. It was a great experience of studying know-how in making a beer with perfect measurement of work with professional sense of hand, eyes and knowledge beside of technology. We arrived at the brewery at 1pm and started the tour. The tour was a trial tour conducted in English. As of May 2015, there is no English tour at the brewery, but they are planning to start the service later this year and also to start the audio guidance.

We studied and observed the beer making procedure:

Collecting wheat => Preparation (Filter) => Fermentation => Keep stock => Purify => Put in Can or Tank.



We also had the chance to taste the raw wheat and smell the hop.

The tour was followed by one-hour draft beer seminar. We

had the privilege of tasting three types of beers; Premium



Malt, Flavor Premium and Master Dream.

We were also lectured on the importance of pouring in glass, foam and the selection of the glass.

After the seminar, nine restaurants of different cuisines including sushi, yakitori, shabu-shabu, teppanyaki grill, izakaya bar and karaoke were introduced to us as the places where the guests could enjoy drinking tasty Suntory beers. Each restaurant gave detailed information on their location, price range, multilingual capability and etc.

The visit was concluded by shopping at their gift shop and the group photo. All the participants were grateful for their precious experience of the tour, seminar and for the tasty Suntory beers. Last but not least, special thank you to Nakai-san and the team.



Asian Congress 2015 Meeting

On May 20, the meeting was held at the Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo. 26 members attended the meeting.

From the Secretariat:

-136 members have registered as of May 18.

From the Operations:

-Entertainment programme for the gala dinner on Day 3 is fixed.

-Staff manual is under progress.

From the PR:

-Preparation for the brochure to be distributed in the congress kit has begun.

-News release is under progress.

From the Sponsor Finding:

-2 new sponsors reported.

-Preparation for sending out the invitations for the gala dinner is under progress.



New Full Members from Japan

9 adherent members were upgraded to full members at the general assembly held in April.

Ms. Shinobu Momoi (Chief Concierge, ANA InterContinental Tokyo) (below right)

Mr. Kazuyoshi Nishikawa (Chief Concierge, The Westin Osaka)

Mr. Kullen Ryu Ozaki (Chief Concierge, Aman Tokyo) (right)

Ms. Naoko Tsugita (Chief Concierge, Celurean Tower Tokyo Hotel)

Ms. Aiko Imaizumi (Chief Concierge, Grand Hyatt Tokyo) (right)



Mr. Yasutoshi Abe (Head Concierge, Conrad Tokyo) (right)

Mr. Osamu Hamasaki (Chief Concierge, Hotel Okura Tokyo) (right)

Mr. Koji Notake (Chief Concierge, Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo) (right)

Ms. Miki Saito (Chief Concierge, Shangri-La Hotel Tokyo) (below right)

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