澳門國際美食論壇 International Gastronomy Forum, Macao



14/07/2025, Monday

09:00-13:00

澳門漁人碼頭會議展覽中心會展大堂2 Macau Fisherman's Wharf Convention and Exhibition Centre Hall 2

Forum Theme: The Spice of Life: Macao's Culinary Connections

Time	Activity
09:00–09:20	Registration / collection of SI devices
09:20-09:25	Opening video
09:25–09:30	Kick-off ceremony
09:30–09:40	Welcome remark by MGTO Director
09:40–09:45	Welcome remark by Secretariat of National Commission of the PRC for UNESCO
09:45–09:50	Group photo
09:50–10:05	Keynote speech 1 by Jordy Navarra
10:05–10:50	Panel discussion 1: A History and Legacy of Spices: Tracing Fusion Cuisines' Culinary Roots
10:50–11:10	Coffee break
11:10–11:25	Keynote speech 2 by Varun Totlani
11:25–12:10	Panel discussion 2: A Symphony of Flavours: Fusion Cuisine in Modern Macao and Beyond
12:10–12:55	Panel discussion 3: Spice as a Bridge: Celebrating Cultural Fusion and Communities
12:55–13:00	Closing remarks and end of event

Jordy Navarra

Varun Totlani Head Chef, Masque Restaurant.

Keynote Speakers

Jordy Navarra (Manila, The Philippines)

- Chef and Owner, Toyo Eatery
- Toyo Eatery was awarded the Gin Mare Art of Hospitality Award 2025 in Asia's 50 Best Restaurants
- Recognised by The Best Chef Awards 2024 for excellence
- Awarded the Flor de Caña Sustainable Restaurant Award at

Varun Totlani (Mumbai, India)

- Head Chef, Masque Restaurant
- Recognised by The Best Chef Awards 2024 for excellence
- Masque ranked No. 19 on Asia's 50 **Best Restaurants 2025**
- Featured in the upcoming Season 2 of Netflix Southeast Asia's Chef's Uncut



Asia's 50 Best Restaurants 2023

 Featured in the Netflix Southeast Asia culinary series Chef's Uncut



Panel discussion 1: A History and Legacy of Spices: Tracing Fusion Cuisines' Culinary Roots

This panel discussion explores how the spice trade shaped the culinary landscapes of different parts of Asia. Speakers will trace the journey of spices like cinnamon, pepper, turmeric, and cloves, and examine how they influenced the development of fusion cuisines across the region.

Speakers:

Dr. David Wiley Mr. Vicky Cheng Ms. Chonlathip Rayamas (Bowling) Mr. Hironori Maeda Mr. Murat Kara Lecturer, Macao University of Tourism Chef Owner, VEA and Wing Restaurant Thailand Food Influencer Executive Chef, Mizumi at Wynn Palace Chef de Cuisine, Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau

Moderator:

Mr. Douglas Parkes

Editor of 100 Top Tables, South China Morning Post













Panel discussion 2: **A Symphony of Flavours: Fusion Cuisine** in Modern Macao and Beyond

This panel explores how chefs go beyond blending spices to create a symphony of flavours by incorporating diverse culinary traditions, innovative techniques, and global influences. Speakers will delve into the creative processes behind these culinary masterpieces, examining how chefs balance tradition and innovation to craft dishes that are both delicious and culturally significant.

Speakers:

Ms. Antonieta Fernandes Manhão Mr. Antimo Maria Merone Ms. Susan Jung

Mr. Jack Siew Mr. Tony Yoo

Macanese Cuisine Iconic Chef & Culinary Instructor Executive Chef & Co-owner, Estro Academy Chair, Asia 50 Best and World 50 Best Restaurants of HK, Macao & Taiwan Director of Culinary Operations, City of Dreams Consultant Chef, MGM and Owner Chef, Dooreyoo





Panel discussion 3: **Spice as a Bridge: Celebrating Cultural Fusion and Communities**

This panel highlights how spices serve as a vital connector among the diverse communities that call Macao home. Speakers will discuss the contributions of immigrant communities to Macao's vibrant culinary scene, how food fosters cultural exchange and unity.

Speakers:

Mr. Raymond Vong Mr. Ricardo Chaneton Ms. Shelley Tai Mr. Jun Kim Mr. Norihisa Maeda

Owner, Henri's Gallery Executive chef & Co-owner, MONO Founder, MIUS Hong Kong Executive Sous Chef, The Londoner Macao at Sands China Executive Chef, Sushi Kissho by Miyakawa & Teppanyaki Shou at Galaxy Macau™

