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Grill's grand finale

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THE Melaka Grill of Kuala Lumpur Hilton International delivered its swansong with an au revoir party.

After almost 25 years of being the place for fine dining, the restaurant tendered its last moment of elegant dining with a loud bang of activities and excitement held from June 26 to July 5.

The place was officially closed on July 6 to make way for a birth of a new dining concept.

The grand finale, the Cordon Noir gala dinner, which also consisted of an auction, was held on July 5.

Proceeds amounting RM110,000 from the auction of the restaurant's memorabilias, such as chandeliers, antique cabinets and Chinese marble tables, was donated to the Malaysian AIDS Foundation Paediatric AIDS Fund.

Malaysian AIDS Foundation chairman Datin Paduka Marina Mahathir was the guest-of-honour that night.

Accompanying her were the foundation executive director Indra Nadchatram, trustee Asri Ghafar and honorary secretary Hisham Hussein.

Cordon Noir founder Jochen Kern was seen entertaining his guests Kartika Plaza Beach Hotel Bali general manager Paolo E. Fill, Permai Park Inn International Kuala Terengganu general manager Mazlan Hassan and Lee & Hock & Co Sdn Bhd managing director Bill Lee and wife Nana.

Former Chief Justice of Malaya Tan Sri Gunn Chit Tuan and wife Puan Sri Lily were seen with siblings Charmaine Saw of Andersen Consulting Sdn Bhd and Mark Saw, director of Lock Huat Enterprises Sdn Bhd.

YM Industries Sdn Bhd vice chairman Thomas H. Evans came with his wife Carol and daughter Kate.

Pernas International Holdings Berhad general manager Ruban Chelliah and wife Angeline Chivapathy, who is Esso Production Malaysia Inc payroll manager, were with Interjewel Sdn Bhd technical director Urs Capol and wife Teresa.

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