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Winner of several awards since its opening in '95

FOR the Japanese traveller who demands perfection, the Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur meets his expectations and more.

It is no wonder the 30-storey five star hotel has won several awards since it was opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad in December 1995.

The hotel was named the best business hotel by the Hospitality Asia Magazine in 1997/1998. It also won the second best landscape award in Kuala Lumpur by the Culture, Arts and Tourism Ministry in 1997 while its Benkay Japanese Restaurant was named as the best Japanese restaurant by Flavours and Hospitality Asia magazines last year.

The hotel now averages 50 per cent in occupancy, slightly off its target of 57 per cent occupancy rate over the first year. Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur, according to its executive director of finance and administration Mr Van Kam Weng, needs an average of 40 per cent occupancy rate before it can break even.

The hotel is one of 50 hotels in the global network of Nikko Hotels International.

It now offers average room rates of between RM175 and RM180 but "we do have special rates for corporate guests," he said.

Prior to the economic downturn rates for a Superior room was RM390 for single, RM430 for double and Deluxe, RM430 for single and RM470 for double.

Each of the hotel's 470 luxuriously spacious rooms, inclusive of 14 suites with a Presidential suite and a Royal suite, has a fully stocked mini-bar, refrigerator, tea and coffee-making facilities and hairdryers. The rooms come equipped with a safe deposit box.

The bathroom in the guest rooms in Hotel Nikko Kuala Lumpur has its own shower cubicle and bath tub, toiletries and telephone.

The executive Nikko floors start from level 26 till 30.

Guests of these can use The Executive Lounge for dining, socialising and small meetings. A personal butler service is also available to guests on this floor.

Meeting and banquet facilities are located in the second floor where a spacious foyer overlooks the Grand Ballroom. The ballroom can accommodate up to 1,000 guests for a buffet set-up and 700 for a formal dinner. Five function rooms, which can cater for 30-40 people each, are also available for private meetings and seminars. Each is equipped with conferencing facilities.

The hotel has five food and beverage outlets - Cafe Serena Brasserie, Benkay Japanese Restaurant, Toh Lee Chinese Restaurant, Bentley's Pub and the Lobby Lounge.

The Executive Lounge at the Nikko floors also serves complimentary continental breakfast, welcome drink and a wide selection of newspapers. The hotel currently has about 480 staff, which include an "elite team" who are trained for emergency situations such as fire.

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