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Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur named Hotel of the Year

KUALA LUMPUR, Sat. - Mandarin Oriental Kuala Lumpur was last night adjudged the Hotel of the Year in the Hospitality Asia Platinum Awards 2003-2004.

The hotel also won five other awards in the ceremony, organised by World Asia Publishing (M) Sdn Bhd the publisher of Hospitality Asia, among 230 entries for 37 awards.

These included for best general manager - won by Christian Hassing, best chef - Bong Jun Choi, best expatriate food and beverage manager - Martin Schneider, and best Chinese restaurant.

The awards are to recognise individuals, establishments and properties that had done the Malaysian hospitality industry proud.

Shangri-La Hotel also won several awards including for best five-star business hotel, best restaurant - Lafite, and best communications head - Rosemarie Wee.

Cyberview Lodge Resort and Spa came out tops in the hotel/resort category while Genting Highlands Resort was picked as the best deluxe family resort/theme park.

The Palace of the Golden Horses was named the best Meetings, Incentive travel, Conventions and Exhibitions hotel.

The best new hotel award went to the First World Hotel at Genting Highlands while the entrepreneur of the year award went to Julie Song of Indulgence Restaurant in Ipoh.

Shangri-La Tanjung Aru Resort in Kota Kinabalu won the best five-star resort award with Shangri-La Golden Sands Hotel in Penang named best four-star resort.

Eastin Hotel was picked best four-star hotel.

World Asia Publishing chief executive officer Jennifer Ong, in her speech, said this year's awards were special as it celebrated the industry's resilience in the face of crises.

She said the industry also remembered former Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mohamad for his contributions to the country.