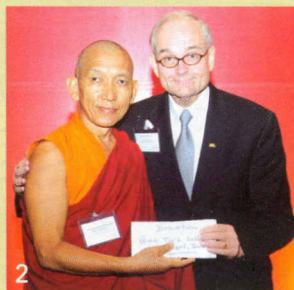


## Fred Tibbitts & Associates hosts dinner in Mumbai

Fred Tibbitts & Associates (FTA) is a Bangkok and New York-based global consulting company, developing beer, wine and spirits programmes for hotels and restaurants. FTA regularly holds relationship building dinners and has done so in Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok New York and now in Mumbai. The newly opened Westin Mumbai Garden City hosted the first edition of the widely respected dinner and recognitions ceremony in India. The announcement naming the awardees is made in all the cities the dinner is held and the physical awards will be received by the awardees on 7 October at the FTA Fall Dinner at the Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Tsim Sha Tsui.

The 'FTA Summer Dinner at Mumbai with Very Special Friends' in the usual FTA awards format, recognized leadership excellence and made a charitable donation to Tibetan refugees studying at the Pema Tsäl School in Mundgod, Karnataka.

Martin Rinck, president, - Asia Pacific, Hilton Worldwide, received the '2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as an Operator - Asia Pacific'. It was acknowledged by Neeraj Chadha, regional general manager-India, Hilton Worldwide; Richard Xu, editor-in-Chief, New Western Cuisine Magazine, received the '2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Literary Excellence' and the '2010 FTA Hospitality Award for Excellence as a Humanitarian' was given to two hotel industry stakeholders this time – Rudolf Muller, executive chef, Hong Kong Disneyland and Otto Weibel, director of kitchens, Swissotel The Stamford & Fairmont, Singapore.



**1. Rajesh Mohan, head, strategic planning and marketing, Hotel Sahara Star; Salil Fadnis, executive chef, Hotel Sahara Star; Kishor Chandra Joshi, F&B manager, Hotel Sahara Star. 2. Acharya Guru Gyaltsen, executive director, Pema Tsäl School, Mundgod, India, accepts a cash donation from Fred Tibbitts, Jr., president & CEO, FTA. 3. Jan Bundgaard, general manager, The Westin Mumbai Garden City, proposes a toast. 4. Neeraj Chadha, regional GM-India, Hilton Worldwide; Kuldeep Bhartee, GM, ITC Grand Central, Mumbai; Rajeev Menon, area vice president, India, Malaysia, Maldives & Pakistan, Marriott International, catch up.**