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**The Nine Loyalty Toasts :**



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# A SUMMER EVENING IN BANGKOK WITH VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS

The 4th Annual Fret Tibbits & Associates “A Summer Evening in Bangkok with Very Special Friends” which was held at Plaza Athenee Bangkok on June 16 proved to be another memorable event for 73 guests.

The reception was hosted by Pernod Ricard China, Diageo Moet Hennessy, FIJI Water and Stoelzle glassware. Phillips Foods Asia provided their finest crab meat for many of Executive Chef Martin Faist’s marvelous canapés and hors d’ouvres. All guests were formally announced with style by Volkert Geertsen, Director of Sales & Marketing, Plaza Athénée Bangkok and gonged with distinction by Khun Nicknipha Santibuth, Banquet Associate, Plaza Athénée Bangkok.

The four-course gala dinner brought Fred Tibbits to the podium, who welcomed the guests and asked that they consider “Service as the Highest Calling”. He then explained that the primary purposes of the FTA dinners are to recognize hospitality excellence, provide scholarships in the names of those whom are honored and to make charitable contributions to benefit those less fortunate. Fred promptly called for the evening’s nine “Loyalty Toasts” with

including Choo Leng Goh, General Manager, Plaza Athénée Bangkok; Teddy Pharksuwan, Reserve Manager, Diageo Moet Hennessy Thailand; Cynthia Griffin, Commercial Counselor, Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Embassy, Bangkok; Ben Hopkins, Senior Editor, Traversing The Orient; Stuart Lloyd, Vice President – Marketing, Media Transmedia (Thailand) Ltd.; Elena Broms, Corporate Director of Food & Beverage, Dusit International; Charles Jack, General Manager, The Westin Grande Sukhumvit, Bangkok; Ramesh Khendry, General Manager, Bangkok Hotel Lotus Sukhumvit; and Kevin Murphy, CEO & Managing Partner, Asiawide Hospitality Solutions.



Fred presents Brian Sinclair-Thompson, President, Skai International Thailand with a donation to benefit the National Elephant Hospital at the National Elephant Conservation Center in Lamphang



Pradit Promma, EAM, Grand Mercure Fortune Bangkok; Fred; Teddy Chia, General Manager, Grand Mercure Fortune Bangkok



M.L. Hathaijanok, General Manager-Corporate Affairs, Accor Asia Pacific Corporation; Fred ; Michael Pae, Director, Pinnacle Gastro Co., Ltd



Simon Rindlisbacher, Hotel Manager, Rembrandt Hotel & Towers; Fred; Robert Jaermann, General Manager, Dream Hotel Bangkok; Daniel Koeppel, General Manager, All Seasons Bangkok, Victory Monument



Janet McNab, General Manager, Four Points by Sheraton Bangkok/Sukhumvit 15; Fred ; Wouter Hazenbroek, General Manager, Amari Boulevard Bangkok



Noppadol Kugasemrat, General Manager, Grand China Princess; Fred ; Vasant Suksophon, Executive Assistant Manager, Grand China Princess



Fred ; Wayne Buckingham, Regional Vice President, Starwood Hotels & Resorts; Choo Leng Goh; Charles Jack, General Manager, The Westin Grande Sukhumvit, Bangkok; Janet McNab, General Manager, Four Points by Sheraton Bangkok/Sukhumvit 15



The Brigade assembled on stage surrounding Choo Leng Goh with Director of Banquet Songkran Panaothaisong to the left and to the right Executive Assistant Manager Giuseppe Fornillo; Executive Chef Martin Faist and far to the right (standing tall amid the flowers) Food + Beverage Manager Robert Wittebrood