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## 【Hotel Nikko Osaka】 Wins Second Place at the 8<sup>th</sup> Okura Nikko Hotels French Cuisine Contest!

Battle of cooking, serving, and seasoning skills.



From left: Masahiko Fukumoto (Director of Food and Beverage), Hideki Makihara, Koji Nishino, Kenta Murakami, Jan Marshall (General Manager)

Hotel Nikko Osaka (1-3-3, Nishi-Shinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, President/General Manager: Jan Marshall) placed Second in the "8<sup>th</sup> Okura Nikko Hotels French Cuisine Contest" (hosted by Okura Nikko Hotels Management Co., Ltd.) held in Tokyo on Friday, February 5, 2016.

This contest is held in order to train young chefs and service staff to increase their cooking and service skills. A team of three people, comprised of a chef, a cooking supervisor and a server, battles in a display of cooking, serving, and serving skills. Each team presented original recipes under the theme, "American Filet Mignon". From Hotel Nikko Osaka, a special team comprised of Assistant Chef Nishino (French Cuisine "Les Celebrites", Teppanyaki "Icho") presented his ideas, supervised by Western Kitchen Group Leader Makihara, and served by senior captain Murakami, advanced to the finals, honorably winning

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second place. With the award certificate in his hand, Nishino expressed his goals, saying, "I would like to continue to improve my skills so I can offer customers the best cuisine."

Awarded with the second place prize, Hotel Nikko Osaka will continue to strive to offer its customers the best hospitality as the flagship hotel of the nikko hotels international Chain.



[Second place prize-winning work at the 8<sup>th</sup> Okura Nikko Hotels French Cuisine Contest. Judging serving skill]



[Introduction to the Hotel Nikko Osaka team]

- ■[Left] Koji Nishino: Assistant Chef, French Cuisine "Les Celebrites", Teppanyaki "Icho"
- [Center] Hideki Makihara: Western Kitchen Group Leader
- [Right] Kenta Murakami: Senior Captain



[Hotel Nikko Osaka]
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Location: 1-3-3, Nishi-Shinsaibashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka City, 542-0086
Access: Midosuji Line/Nagahori-tsurumiryokuchi Line, Shinsaibashi Station, directly connected to Exit No. 8
Facilities: 32 floors above ground, 4 floors below ground
The building complex contains with 635 rooms, 9 restaurants, bars and lounges, 13 large and small banquet rooms, a chapel, esthetics salon, etc.
A partner hotel of Universal Studios Japan since April 2014.
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