

FIJI CHEFS ASSOCIATION



Ni sa bula Vinaka...!!

Greetings from Fiji Chefs,

Re: Fiji Chefs Report – Melbourne Competition

It's my pleasure to share Fiji Chefs report from the **Pacific Rim Global Chefs Semi Finals and the Battle of the Pacific Restaurant Challenge Melbourne Australia – 23rd – 25th June 2019.**

The Pacific Regional Semi-Final for the Global Chefs Challenge was held in Melbourne, Australia, 23rd June 2019. Selected through champion performance at national competitions, participating teams representing Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and the Cook Islands competed to show their mastery in culinary arts through three competition categories: Global Chefs Challenge, Global Pastry Chefs Challenge, and Global Young Chefs Challenge - Hans Bueschkens Trophy.

History has been created, as Fiji Chefs competitors to the Pacific Rim Global Chefs semifinals have claimed the tittles of Pacific Rim Global Chef – Navneet Reddy of Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, Gold Medalist, Global Pastry Chef- Muni Vikash Chetty of Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, Gold Medalist and Global Young Chef-Hans Bueschkens – Ravinesh Prasad of Marriott Fiji Moni Bay Resort, Silver Medalist, and to top up a bronze medal at the Battle of the Pacific Restaurant Challenge oorganized by Worldchefs and the Australian Culinary Federation, the competition was held alongside the Foodservice Australia Trade Show 2019.

The Fiji Chefs Champions have come a long way to achieving these titles. They competed alongside with Australian National Culinary Team Competitor, New Zealand National Culinary Team Competitor and the Cook Islands top chefs in their categories.

I personally believe this is one of the biggest achievements for Fiji Chefs with two major tittles to Fiji. We are defiantly not only sandy beaches and palm trees but a hub of fine cuisine that reflects our moto "Fiji Chefs... culinary passion of the pacific". Our cuisine styles are focused on the three pillars that defines us internationally, Our Culture and tradition, Our Heritage and Our Food.

The competition was intense as all the competitors were the chosen ones with distinct skill levels and international exposure and judged according to the World Association of Chefs Society criteria by certified judges providing an immense learning ground.

Both the gold medalist, Chef Navneet Reddy and Chef Muni Vikash Chetty will be competing in Saint Petersburg's, Russia next year in July for the Global Chefs finals. This tittle Global Chef know as One World Culinary Challenge then was won by Fiji Chefs honorary President and Mentor Chef Shailesh Naidu in 2007.

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GLOBAL CHEFS CHALLENGE PACIFIC SEMI-FINAL RESULTS BY CATEGORY:

Global Chefs Challenge

- **Winner: Fiji, Navneet Reddy Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, Gold Medal**
- Runner Up: Australia, Mathew Lee From Brisbane CEC, Silver Medal
- 3rd Place: New Zealand, Eric Lim from Chillingworth Rd New Zealand, Silver Medal
- 4th Place: Cook Islands, Ngattopuna Williams Le Bon Vivant Cook Islands, Bronze Medal

Global Pastry Chefs Challenge

- **Winner: Fiji, Muni Vikash Chetty from Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort, Bronze Medal**
- Runner Up: New Zealand, Ganesh Khedekar from NZMA New Zealand, Bronze Medal

Global Young Chefs Challenge - Hans Bueschkens Trophy

- Winner: New Zealand, Cole McDonald from Prohibition Smokehouse & Vault 21 New Zealand, Silver Medal
- **Runner Up: Fiji, Ravinesh Prasad from Marriot Momi Bay Resort Fiji, Silver Medal**
- 3rd Place: Australia, Rebecca Merhi from The Star Sydney, Silver Medal
- 4th Place: Cook Islands, William Pokino from Seafood Man Cook Islands, Bronze Medal

Country teams who qualified for the Global Chefs Challenge Final through top placement at the 2018 Culinary World Cup and Regional Global Chefs Challenge Semi-Finals are listed below:

Global Chefs Challenge

- Belgium
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy
- Norway

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- Poland
- Singapore
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- Switzerlandd
- Taiwan
- Russia
- Wales

Pacific Semi-Final qualifying teams: Fiji.

Global Pastry Chefs Challenge

- China
- Hungary
- Italy
- Singapore
- Sweden
- United Arab Emirates
- United States
- Russia

Pacific Semi-Final qualifying teams: Fiji.

Global Young Chefs Challenge - Hans Bueschkens Trophy

- China
- Czech Republic
- Italy
- Norway
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Russia
- United States

Pacific Semi-Final qualifying teams: New Zealand.

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Congratulations to all competitors from Fiji Chefs for your dedication and drive that keep culinary competitions vibrant and abreast with our moto – *Fiji Chefs...a culinary passion for the pacific...*

The Fiji Chefs Association together with Australian Culinary Federation and Worldchefs thanked the Food Service Australia Trade Show organizers for hosting a fantastic competition. The competition sponsors for ACF were, Nestlé Professional, Les vergers Boiron, Dilmah Tea, and the VanDrie Group for their continued support and rich contributions to the Global Chefs Challenge and Worldchefs community.

Fiji Chefs is extremely thankful to all our sponsors making this tour possible with high achievements. **Fiji Airways, Goodman Fielder – Crest/Tuckers, Yees Cold Seafood Storage – Callebaut Chocolate, Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort and Marriot Fiji Momi Bay Resort.**

Thanks,

Vinaka Vakalevu...!!

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