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ARTIST MANUEL BALDEMOR COMES HOME TO DISCOVERY SUITES FOR 15TH ANNIVERSARY ART AND CHARITY DINNER

Discovery Suites opened its doors for Filipino visual artist Manuel Baldemor for "Coming Home: An Art and Charity Dinner" last 19 March 2015 at the multi-awarded restaurant 22 Prime. Led by General Manager Leeds Trompeta, Discovery Suites paid tribute to The Chosen Children Village Foundation Inc to celebrate the hotel's 15th crystal year anniversary.

Baldemor, known for his colorful renditions of Philippine life and impressions of foreign culture, closely collaborated with the children in the production of the paintings. The result was a collection of 28 moving interpretations of the children's dreams and aspirations in life. The artworks were put up for auction while the proceeds amounting to P 439,550 for 15 paintings were donated to the Foundation to aid in their continuous efforts to provide a nurturing home for the children. The Foundation's President Guenter Taus and Executive Director Che Naval were present to graciously receive the proceeds for their laudable cause.

Designed as a feast for the senses, the art and charity dinner featured a stellar menu prepared by Discovery Suites' Corporate Chef Anthony Raymond and Executive Chef Gerwin Bailon, in collaboration with guest Celebrity Chef Sharwin Tee. The four-course culinary affair, which highlighted native ingredients, began with Yellowfin Tuna Ceviche, spiked with lemongrass vinegar, roasted *labuyo* sauce and avocado emulsion, followed by Crab and Young Coconut Bisque seasoned with crispy river crabs, pumpkin, fresh scallions and shellfish oil. The main entrée was a hearty plate of Slow-Braised USDA Beef Short Ribs served with turmeric and ginger rice, twice-cooked egg, vegetable tempura and natural jus. A luscious serving of Black & White Panna Cotta with native spiced chocolate was the evening's *pièce de résistance*.

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Long providing a preferred address to corporate travelers on an extended stay since 2000, Discovery Suites continues to find meaningful ways to make guests feel at home and be part of the local community. "It's been 15 crystal years," said The Discovery Leisure Company's Chief Operating Officer Jun Parreño, "What better way than to celebrate it by making a difference? Mr Baldemor's works with the children cheers on the colorful years ahead."

There are 13 remaining paintings available for silent auction. For inquiries, please call (63 2) 719 8888. Get updates through Discovery Suites' Facebook on <http://facebook.com/ILoveDiscoverySuites> and Twitter @DiscoverySuites.

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