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### **Savor Cebu's finest flavors at Marco Polo Ortigas Manila** *Five-star hotel launches "Culinary: A Filipino Heritage Cuisine Series"*

**Manila, Philippines, 11 May 2023** - Cebu, known as the Queen City of the South, is a thriving metropolis and tourist destination brimming with a colorful culture and delicious and diverse dishes. Apart from the staple lechon, it is home to popular fare like Dinuldog, a coconut milk-based squash dish, and Balbacua, a flavorful collagen-rich meat stew cooked for several hours until tender.

Manila-based diners can soon get a taste of the prosperous Cebu at Cucina, the Asian-Continental restaurant located at the 24th floor of Marco Polo Ortigas Manila. From May 11-14, 2023, the renowned chefs of Marco Polo Plaza Cebu will take over the kitchen and serve an extensive menu of authentic Cebu-based appetizers like Sinudlan (Cebuano sausage) and Lansiao (soup number 5), main courses like Inasal na Manok Bisaya (chicken inasal of Visayas) and Bakasi sa Cordova (eel stew), and desserts like Torta sa Argao and Binignit.

Entitled "Culinary: A Filipino Heritage Cuisine Series", this highly anticipated event will kick off a series of regional culinary exchanges, letting the diners of Cucina experience a breadth of local cuisines.

Running the kitchen for this round is Chef Riz Degamo, who fills the role of Chef de Cuisine of Marco Polo Plaza Cebu, having been with the hotel since 2006 and helping establish it as a top culinary destination in the region. Joining Chef Riz is Chef Jonathan Cabuncal, who is known to harness his passion for local ingredients to innovate dishes which best represent Cebuano cuisine.

Back in Cebu, both chefs work with their culinary team to deliver exceptional dining experiences to their guests. They are all set to bring the same skill, dedication, and delicious creations to Marco Polo Ortigas Manila!

With Mother's Day right around the corner, this might be the unique experience you've been looking for to treat the special women in your lives. Early birds who reserve from May 2-10, 2023 via (+632) 7720 7777 can enjoy 15% off.

Centrally located in the vibrant Ortigas Commercial Business District, Marco Polo Ortigas Manila towers at 45 floors while carrying a Five Star Award by Forbes Travel Guide for seven consecutive years (2017-2023). It offers luxury hotel rooms, delectable food and beverage outlets, an indoor temperature-controlled pool, a fitness center, and the Flow spa, making it a world-class staycation destination for families, young couples, and modern travelers. To stay updated on its exciting and unique offers, visit [marcopolohotels.com](http://marcopolohotels.com) and follow Marco Polo Ortigas Manila on Facebook and @marcopolomanila on Instagram.



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