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Dear,
Chefs

I have recently returned from Vanuatu, where I, Shannon Kellam ACF Culinary Olympic Team, Daniel Lenher President of Fiji and Peter Wright President of the Australian Culinary Federation assisted in their salon Culinary. I would like to share two amazing things that occurred during the few days we were there.

Firstly – A dinner was organized for international chef's day on Saturday the 20th for 200 guests and the menu was constructed by the Australian Culinary Federation National Team. Shannon created a menu and recipes and with the help of a team of local students in conjunction with a very young Fiji national team in a 40 year old kitchen with very little equipment to cook with prepared and delivered a three course meal that you can all be very proud of. In fact there are not too many chefs I know that could have pulled the rabbit out of this hat.

Secondly – The Vanuatu chefs association presented a single gold medal from two days of competition to a young local girl, and then announced its very first National Team to compete in Fiji in December.

To be a part of that moment in time was for me and the other 200 guests very special in that I will have a high opinion of for the rest of my life. Approximately \$5000Aud was raised at the event to assist the association, and we handed over another 30 Chef jackets that were donated at the Asia Pacific Forum earlier in the year to the association.

The event was sponsored by some of our own, including Resort software, Moffat Equipment, Fonterra Dairy solutions, Royal on the Park Brisbane and X-Treme Consulting. I would also like to thank Grant Johnson and his Team from the Vanuatu Chefs association and Daniel Lenher President of the Fiji Chef association for getting behind a small chefs community and assisting them to develop into what we take for granted.

As Continental Director it was a proud moment to see three of the Four member Countries working together to create history in the Pacific. This was truly a fantastic International Chefs day. Well done to all concerned.

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