All things chocolate at exhibition

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FROM cocoa beans to ancient Mayan chocolate drinks, the Sunway College School of Hospitality and Tourism Management pulled off a chocolate exhibition that was both sweet and charitable.

The 49 fifth year students of the course exhibited chocolate products, related utensils used for chocolate recipes and a history on the uses of cocoa to school heads and guests from the Belgian and Switzerland embassies.

One of the main attractions for the afternoon was the chocolate cake-making demonstration by Puratos Sdn Bhd chef Edwin Tan and praline making demonstration by Pastry Pro Sdn Bhd chef Steven Selvamuthu.

Along with the event was a charity drive to raise funds for the Vinashini Home in Seremban, a home that was highlighted in The Star in April that is in need of funds to continue its efforts in giving care to its inmates.

The students baked cakes and pastries for sale along with T-shirts in April, which managed to raise RM6,000 for the home which cares for the mentally and physically disabled.

An auction was also held to sponsor six cocoa saplings, which would be planted within the school’s premises along with the plaque bearing the name of the person who bought the plant.

The auction helped raise a further RM1,305 for the home and the money was later presented to home founder Angela Devi.

"I would like to thank The Star for highlighting our problem and all the people who donated generously to the home. There were so many people who offered help after the story was published and some of them didn't even leave their addresses for us to issue them a receipt," said Angela Devi.

"Believe me when I say that these are the very qualities that your future employers will be looking for when hiring staff. Teamwork, dedication, commitment, organisational skills and most of all results are what matters," he said.

Also present at the event were Sunway College principal Elizabeth Lee, Embassy of Switzerland consul Bernadett Hurschler, Belgium Embassy charge of affairs Rick Van Droogenbroeck and School of Hospitality and Tourism Management director Tan.
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