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The English way of cooking

IT IS not every day that one gets to rub shoulders with celebrity chef Todd English.

Several OCBC Bank customers had the chance to do just that at a culinary retreat in Bayan Indah Resort, Selangor recently.

The resort is operated by renowned local chef Rohani Jelani, who co-hosted the event with the bank.

The customers had fun during the two cooking sessions that were led by Rohani.



Priceless picture: The OCBC Bank customers who attended the culinary class with English (the tallest) and Rohani (in white apron) after the cooking session.

There was uncontrollable laughter as trembling hands steadied themselves to do justice in front of such culinary luminaries.

The first session, Organic Malaysian Cooking, had the participants whipping up traditional Malay cuisine such as the well-loved *nasi kerabu*, *ayam percik* and *kerabu jantung pisang*.

They prepared the dishes using organic ingredients such as organic chicken and prawns which complemented the herbs sourced from Bayan Indah's organic garden.

The second session centred on various popular Western dishes.



Dynamic duo: Fong and her daughter having fun whipping up a feast.

Scomi Oiltools Sdn Bhd chief financial officer Jaclyn Loy said it was an interesting experience.

"And having Todd English around was indeed a surprise," Loy said.

OCBC Bank global treasury head Gan Kok Kim said the cooking classes were organised for customers to give them a chance to enjoy the simple pleasures of life.

"We decided to pamper our customers in a different way. By calling them to try their hands at cooking, we are inviting them to bring out the best in their culinary ability. It was nice to see them having such a wonderful experience," Gan said.

Another customer of the bank, Caely Holdings Berhad chairman Datin Theresa Fong said she really enjoyed herself as she had never been to a hands-on culinary class before.