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**LE CORDON BLEU® PASTRY CHEF NICOLAS BERNARDÉ NAMED
“CHEF OF THE MONTH” BY ASIACUISINE.COM**

PARIS (April 2005) – Chef Nicolas Bernardé, one of two *Meilleur Ouvrier de France* (MOF) pastry chefs in the International **Le Cordon Bleu®** family and head of the Paris team of pastry chefs, was named April’s “Chef of the Month” by asiacuisine.com, Asia’s leading food and beverage portal.

Chef Bernardé, MOF, represented Le Cordon Bleu in the 2005 World Gourmet Summit in Singapore. He has also been an instructor for the five-day advanced classes in Chocolate Show Pieces, and a judge for both the World Pastry Team Championship and the National Pastry Team Championship. Recognized for his extraordinary talent and immaculate style, Chef Bernardé has won numerous awards, and has participated in the culinary international competitions of Arpajon, and *Les Journées Gastronomiques de Romorantin*, winning bronze metals in both. In 1993, he won the gold and bronze medals at *The Lucien Peletier* contest, and the gold medal at *The Charles Proust* contest for two consecutive years. Chef Beranrdé joined Le Cordon Bleu as head of the pastry department in October, 2001. He perfected his skills and trained for the MOF competition in a pastry room at Le Cordon Bleu, and earned the revered *Meilleur Ouvrier de France de Pâtisserie-Confiserie* title in February, 2004.

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Since its founding in 1895 in Paris, Le Cordon Bleu has come to be considered the authority in French culinary technique and has succeeded in passing on these traditions while keeping in step with the industry. Currently, Le Cordon Bleu maintains a presence in 15 countries with 26 schools attended by more than 18,000 students. Le Cordon Bleu schools are located in North America, France, Great Britain, Japan, Korea, Australia, the Middle East and South America. Le Cordon Bleu also operates restaurants in Mexico City, Tokyo, and on board Radisson Seven Seas luxury cruise ships.

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