



CHEF BIO

Kevin Wu Appoints Chef Lum Lai

Executive Chef of Royal Star Restaurant at The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino

October 25, 1999- Las Vegas – Well respected Chinese chef Lum Lai is appointed Executive Chef for Kevin Wu’s Royal Star restaurant at The Venetian today by Royal Star officials.

“For more than 40 years, Lum Lai has been a major attraction to those who love Hong Kong cuisine, both in the United States and in Asia,” says Kevin Wu, president of Royal Star restaurant at The Venetian. “He had a pioneering role in America in the field of Chinese cuisine.”

Kevin Wu’s Royal Star menu features authentic dishes from all regions of China , featuring hallmark Cantonese and Mandarin specialties as well as a vast array of seafood cuisine, showcasing seafood dishes that originated in Southern Chinese tradition as well as the tableside dim sum cart service. Appetizers include an exciting variety of specialties ranging from the familiar (lettuce cups) to the exotic (giant scallops). Seafood entrees include crab, lobster, fish, prawns, shrimp, and geoduck, all taken from a live tank. There is also a large offering of classic meat, poultry and vegetarian offerings.

Chef Lum Lai began his career in Hong Kong at the Castle Bay Restaurant where he trained for three years under the tutelage of master chef Lai Tat. In 1962 Chef Lai was invited to become the assistant chef at Hong Kong ’s first floating seafood restaurant, Tai Bai. Chef Lai worked in other notable restaurants such as the Han Palace , Café de Chine as head chef where he continued to develop his colony-wide reputation. The pinnacle of Chef Lai’s career before moving to the United States happened in the Portuguese colony of Macau , where he served as head chef of the Chinese cuisine division of the largest casino, The Pu Jin (Lisbon) Hotel & Casino.

“Chef Lai has been recognized again and again for his important influence in Hong Kong seafood tradition in the United States ,” Wu says. “It was important that we had Lum Lai create the overall cuisine and menu for my Royal Star restaurant in Santa Monica . He was an integral part of the success of that restaurant, and it was perfect, considering his talents, track record and background in Macau , that he oversees the entire operation of our newest endeavor, Royal Star at The Venetian. His ingenuity in the interpretation of truly authentic and traditional Hong Kong cuisine has remained unmatched throughout his career,” Wu adds.

Kevin Wu’s Royal Star, located on Restaurant Row, casino level at The Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, features daily Hong Kong style tableside dim sum service for lunch, authentic Chinese afternoon tea services and traditional dishes from various regions of China for dinner. Dim sum service is from 11am to 3pm and dinner service from 5pm to 11pm. To complement the menu, there is a full wine list European and American selections and also featuring Asian wines, sake, tea services and full bar.