

# Super-rich foodies descend on Bangkok for USD 29,000 dinner



(Associated Press) Bangkok, Feb 10: Some of the world's super-rich foodies descended on Bangkok today for an exclusive dinner of caviar, truffles and vintage wine, which comes with a price tag of USD 29,000 per person.

"The staff is ready and the tables are set and at 6:30 PM (local time), we are ready to go," said Deepak Ohri, managing director of Bangkok's Lebua Hotels and Resorts, host of the opulent gala.

Six Michelin three-star chefs, all flying from Europe for the one million Baht (USD 29,000) feast, were putting the final touches to the 11-course meal, which organisers claim is the most expensive ever held in Asia-Pacific or the developing world.

The dinner will be served to 40 guests, including 15 paying customers and 25 lucky people, who were invited for the feast, Lebua hotels and resorts said.

American Douglas Gollan, President and Editor-in-Chief of Elite Traveler, a bi-monthly luxury travel and lifestyle magazine, was among the 25 lucky ones.

"I love Thai food, but I love Michelin-starred chefs as well," said Gollan, who was still dressed casually ahead of the black tie dinner.

Most of the foodies flew from the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the United States, some touching down in three private jets, but the organisers were tight-lipped about the attendance list.

The guests were rumored to include a Macau Casino Magnate and a European media baron. Earlier, the media here had speculated that celebrity couple Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie would fly in to the Thai capital for the gala.