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“The Taste of Angkor” wins Best Television Awards in the World”

“The Taste of Angkor”, a cookbook published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as part of its culinary diplomacy, has won the Best Television Awards in this year’s World of Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. The event was held on 27-29 November in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in conjunction with the Saudi Feast Food Festival.

In 2021 and 2022, the book won the Best Asian Cuisine Book and the Best Heads of State/Food from Gourmand World Cookbook Awards. This year’s award reflects the Ministry’s policy of promoting authentic Cambodian foods. It is a source of pride for efforts to get the world to appreciate the great legacy of a thousand-year-old culinary heritage.

The Best Television Awards for 2023 went to cooking videos of seven dishes and two desserts from “The Taste of Angkor”. The Ministry’s National Institute of Diplomacy and International Relations produced the videos during culinary diplomacy training for Cambodian diplomats and their spouses. The training aims to help diplomatic missions abroad understand Cambodian cuisine, how to cook authentic foods, explain their history and promote Khmer foods and culture to attract foreign tourists and investment, and expand exports of Cambodian agricultural products.

Culinary diplomacy is a cornerstone of the Ministry’s Economic Diplomacy Strategy launched in 2021. The strategy aims to enhance Cambodia’s international standing and contribute to achieving the Royal Government’s vision of becoming an upper-middle-income country by 2030 and a high-income nation by 2050.

Gourmand World Cookbook Awards was founded in 1995 by Edouard Cointreau with the goal of supporting culinary traditions from around the world.

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