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SHANGRI-LA'S FIJIAN RESORT WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF FOOD & BEVERAGE

Shangri-La's Fijian Resort is happy to announce the appointment of Mr Grant Thompson to the position of Director of Food & Beverage. Grant will be responsible for the management of the resort's four restaurants and six bars, and over 500 staff.

Grant brings with him an abundance of expertise and skills in the area of Food & Beverage, having worked with Hotels & Resorts both in Asia Pacific Division & Africa & the Middle East. He is skilled in all facets of food & beverage operations, including banqueting for large-scale conventions.

General Manager, John Rice says, "Grant is enthusiastic, and creative, and is a welcome new asset for the resort, especially for the Food & Beverage department".

Accustomed to managing 5 star hotels with multiple restaurants and eateries, heading the helm at the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort's Food & Beverage department, will be an opportunity to grow the department further, and enhance the existing styles of service.

Furthermore, the resort's new Director of Food & Beverage plans to take the Food & Beverage department into new heights. Rebranding and creating refreshing new identities for the resort's four restaurants is a priority for him. As Grant adds, "by spending time talking to both internal and external customers, I would like to enhance the identities for our outlets which in turn will make them more exciting and profitable".

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A New Zealander by birth, Grant finds his new home both friendly and warm, and is enjoying every bit of stay with his young family.

Hong Kong-based Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts currently manages 42 hotels in Australia, mainland China, Fiji, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates, with a rooms inventory of over 21,000. It has over 20 projects under development in mainland China, India, Malaysia, Maldives, Dubai, Oman, Qatar and Thailand.

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