

SALAKOT SIZZLE AND GRILL

Finally, Pinoy fine dining in LA!

RESTAURANTS serving Filipino food abound in Los Angeles, where the largest concentration of Filipinos can be found, outside the Philippines. But, a common observation is that "there are no formal sit-down Filipino restaurants in the Los Angeles area," as stated by Michelle Jane Ocampo.

But not anymore! Michelle's family, led by her father Atty. Ramoncito Ocampo and mother Estrella, just opened SALAKOT Sizzle and Grill at 2122 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90057 at the corner of Lake Street, 2 blocks behind St. Vincent Hospital in Historic Filipinotown.

"My parents have often lamented the fact that if they wanted to treat business associates and visiting friends and family to fine dining, Pinoy style, in LA, they didn't have a place to bring them to. Thus, they decided to open one themselves. Now, *Pinoy*s in LA have the option of enjoying traditional Filipino cuisine in a decent ambiance," explained Michelle.

Mrs. Estrella Ocampo has always dreamed of opening up their own restaurant. At first, she thought it was just another one of their big dreams, but last year, she and her husband, Ramon, began the process of turning that dream into a reality. Finally, the long wait is over! The newly built Salakot Sizzle & Grill is a beautiful building which stands

two stories high with large windows all around. It even has a window looking into the kitchen for pedestrians to watch the various dishes being prepared. Salakot's tan tiles and custard walls with high ceiling are accented with elegant curtains, mahogany stairs and a dark brown trimmed round chandelier.

"When designing the look of the place, my parents said that they wanted to give the feeling of being home," said Michelle. "They succeeded, as the first thing my friend said to me was, 'It feels more like home than a restaurant'. Salakot is equipped with new top-of-the-line equipment and furnished with tables topped with delicate tablecloths. Aside from the elegant image of the place, the restaurant stands for much more. With the walls doubling as an art gallery for aspiring Filipino artists, (now featuring multi-awarded painter Mat Relox), we hope that Salakot will be the first step to showcase the best of Filipino culture and cuisine, thereby instilling a sense of honor and pride in being of Filipino heritage," added Michelle.

"We wanted to provide a venue for future Filipino community leaders' meetings or banquets for birthdays and other special occasions.



Salakot Sizzle and Grill in Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles

The Historic Filipinotown is the only one of its kind in the USA and we consider it a blessing that we acquired a commercial property in this area," said Attorney Ocampo. "Salakot is a legacy for the Filipino people," added Mrs. Estrella Ocampo.

Truly, Salakot Sizzle & Grill is a restaurant the Filipino can be proud of in Historic Filipinotown, Los Angeles!

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Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon does the ceremonial ribbon-cutting during the grand opening. Behind her are the Ocampos, owners of Salakot Sizzle and Grill, and Bishop Oscar Solis.



Bishop Oscar Solis officiates the blessing of the newly-opened Salakot Sizzle and Grill.



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