

Ministry Of Crab Recognized As Asia

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Kumar, Dharshan and Mahela.



Mahela and Dharshan with the team at Ministry of Crab.

Ministry of Crab Colombo secured a position as one of Asia's 50 Best Restaurants sponsored by San Pellegrino and Acqua Panna, once again marking its seventh year on the coveted list.

Given the current global pandemic, the 2021 list was unveiled via a virtual awards ceremony live-streamed across the globe. Ministry of Crab was honored to have been ranked at number 29 on this coveted list, which was considered 18 months. In a year that has seen the global culinary industry facing many hardships and challenges, being recognized once again as one of Asia's 50 Best Restaurants has been a beacon of hope for Dharshan Munidasa, Kumar Sangakkara, Mahela Jayawardena, and the team at the Ministry of Crab.

On receiving this incredible honor, Dharshan stated, “We are honored to be listed as one of Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants for the seventh consecutive year. It holds special meaning to us during this extremely turbulent time, as we went through the pandemic and the devastating Easter Attacks that impacted the entire country. These back-to-back challenges saw us completely change direction to operate in our new normal. This is not only a win for Ministry of Crab, but also for our country!”

Mahela added, “This achievement is only possible because of the dedication and perseverance of our team, from the restaurant team to our back of house team, who never gave up during these turbulent times. They continued to show up for Ministry of Crab and create the unique experience that we are known for!”

Kumar continues that, “When we started Ministry of Crab ten years ago, the idea was to have the best ingredients and the freshest ingredients, all produced locally in Sri Lanka and how we could bring them to the dinner table. To be recognized over the years as one of Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants for showcasing the best of Sri Lanka is an incredible honor, and it is been amazing to place Sri Lanka on the world stage, yet again.” The list is created from the votes of Asia’s 50 Best Restaurants Academy, an influential group of over 300 leaders in the restaurant industry across Asia, each selected for their expert opinion of Asia’s restaurant scene.

Each region’s panel comprises food writers and critics, chefs, restaurateurs, as well as highly regarded ‘gastronomes’, with a 50/50 gender balance in the Academy.

Alongside the main countdown, several individual award categories were also recognized, including individual country awards, for which the MoC received ‘The Best Restaurant in Sri Lanka’.