# When the ‘Deli’ opened its doors



An interested gathering of invitees watched the ‘pot of milk’ boil over at the auspicious hour, when the ‘Deli Market Restaurant’ located at the World Trade Centre opened its doors for business recently.

The Deli Market Restaurant- a US 8 4 million venture between Hospitality International (Pvt) Ltd., Overseas Realty and Hilton International, fulfils the need of those working in the offices at the World Trade Centre, as well as businessmen, shoppers and visitors to Colombo’s financial centre, for a speedily-prepared, yet substantial meal, at an affordable price, and in a pleasant and “conducive to business” atmosphere.

The Deli Market is the brain child of the Colombo Hilton’s General Manager, Gamini Fernando.

We are confident that the Colombo Hilton with its wide experience and reputation for maintaining standards in the hospitality industry will ensure its success. That is why we have handed this responsibility to them, said Hilton International’s Vice Presi dent, South East Asia, Alain Mahillon who flew down for the occasion.

Having to cater to the diverse tastes of its prospective clientele, with that quick, sit-down meal, like a rice and curry for example, or for a ‘take away’, the ‘Deli’ comprises mini-restaurants under one roof and each one of them offer a variety of cuisines-Chinese, Indian, Italian and Lankan.

At a gala opening at which the 28-member Police Band was in attendance, guests sampled the hot favourites the ‘Deli’ will serve round the clock like tandoori chicken, kebabs, pizzas, pastas, naans and hoppers.

Besides these mini food bars are a bakery which provides a variety of breads, cakes and pastries, a fast food corner with hot dogs and ham- burgers, a salad bar and soup counter and a section where the desserts are all in individual containers ready to serve.

The ice-cream counter with its ten different flavours is most tempting.

The ‘Deli’ is open to the public from 7 am to 10 pm every day.

Children have a place at the ‘Deli’ too and that is in the evenings on week days and during weekends when Rudy, the bear, (the Dell’s mascot) will be present to meet, greet, and play with them. He will give each of them a gift and suggest the kind of ‘meal deal’ they could have which have been prepared for them at a nominal rate.