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.....and the Winners are....

SPAASIA SALUTES THE BEST IN THE INAUGURAL SPAASIA CRYSTAL AWARDS 2004



It took several months of hard work – sorting through the thousands of on-line nominations from all over the world and compiling the results slowly, painfully and thankfully, the results are now here. Choosing the winners from a selection of gems wasn't easy as all are winners and clearly outstanding in their own right. But we pulled through and with the help of our team of expert albeit mystery judges, who spent the last few months visiting properties incognito, as well as the involvement of PricewaterhouseCoopers in tabulating the final scores after the judging process was completed, we are pleased and proud to announce the winners of the SpaAsia Crystal Awards for the first time ever.

Each category winner takes home a beautiful and special crystal trophy, designed and crafted by Langkawii Crystal. Shaped along the lines of a water droplet, we, SpaAsia seek to stay true to the very essence of spas – water. And by saluting the best in the industry, we

hope to continue to inspire and act as the definitive guide to spa-ing in Asia.

To all the winners and nominees, our heartiest wishes and congratulations. And may we also remind you, that the on-line nominations for the 2005 SpaAsia Crystal Awards is set to open in December. Make it a point to nominate and be nominated.

Nota Bene: It was heartening to note that for the category of Best Spa Director, the result ended in a three-way tie between Six Senses, Pangkor Laut's Spa Village and Mandara Spa – testimony indeed that the spas in Asia are truly service-oriented and seek only to give the best they can. Interestingly, there were no winners for Best Spa Cuisine Chef while all nominees for Most Spacious Urban Spa were disqualified as our panel of judges found them not to be urban at all, but rather destination retreats in their own right. ●

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SPAAcademy RAFFLES, SINGAPORE

WINNER FOR CATEGORY:

★ Best Spa Academy



ENERGY DAY SPA, KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

WINNER FOR CATEGORY:

★ Best Day Spa



STARHILL SPA, JW MARRIOTT

KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA

WINNER FOR CATEGORY:

★ Spa with Widest Range of Treatment (Day)



ST.CARLOS MEDICAL SPA, THAILAND

WINNER FOR CATEGORY:

★ Best Medi-Spa

