REPUBLIC POLYTECHNIC STUDENTS CREATE “RP ISLAND CHICKEN” FOR THE OPENING OF THE CHICKEN RICE SHOP’S THIRD OUTLET

“RP Island Chicken” will be available at all outlets from March 14 to April 30 -

Singapore, March 9, 2012 - Well known for its delicious chicken dishes at affordable prices, halal family restaurant The Chicken Rice Shop (TCRS) opens its third outlet in Singapore at Causeway Point today, with the launch of a special dish “RP Island Chicken”, created by students of Republic Polytechnic’s School of Hospitality.

In celebration of the official opening of the new outlet, TCRS and Republic Polytechnic’s School of Hospitality worked on a 6-month long collaboration to create a brand new chicken dish, “RP Island Chicken” (pictured on the right). “RP Island Chicken” is a honey grilled boneless chicken, infused with smoked flavorings and accompanied with pineapple salsa.

With the help of school lecturers and TCRS Research and Development Team, Republic Polytechnic’s School of Hospitality final year students, Lim Shu Qin Sharon and Muhammad Nur Ilyiaq Bin Kamsol went through a rewarding process of creating the dish, with the following conditions in mind: only Halal ingredients can be used, have to be easy to cook and served in a fast-paced kitchen, favorable in taste, and vastly different from other items in the current menu.

“We have been looking forward to the opening of our third outlet to serve more customers in the north and we are delighted to have students from Republic Polytechnic’s School of Hospitality create an exciting new chicken dish for the opening. Our collaboration with the students went very smoothly
and we are satisfied with the results. We sure hope our customers will find this dish delectable as well,” said Mrs Vivienne Tan, Director of The Chicken Rice Shop.

Lim Shu Qin Sharon and Muhammad Nur Ilyiaq Bin Kamsol, student inventors of “RP Island Chicken”, said: “We are used to cooking for our own in-house restaurant Oliva, Republic Polytechnic’s Restaurant Training Laboratory, but this time round, it is a brand new experience for us. We learnt about the different considerations a restaurant takes into creating a new dish and this definitely value adds our culinary experience in school. We are excited to see our dish being launched in a real restaurant for all to try.”

“The students from RP’s School of Hospitality thoroughly enjoyed the industry collaborative platform to work with TCRS to create a new dish from scratch for actual commercial operations. The students benefitted greatly from the opportunity to apply RP’s problem-based learning (PBL) approach in a real work-place environment, producing a real product which will hopefully assist with our industry partner’s productivity and business. We are humbled by the students’ efforts and look forward to more collaborative projects with the industry”, said Mr Ben Tan, Assistant Director, Capability Development, Republic Polytechnic’s School of Hospitality.

Sold in value set meals, starting from a price of $10.90, “RP Island Chicken” will roll out in all outlets island-wide in mid March.

**New Outlet, New Dishes**

Besides the RP Island Chicken, diners can look forward to other new additions to the menu such as the Sarawak Laksa ($9.50) which has seen been gaining popularity amongst regulars for its authenticity.

Customers at the new Causeway Point outlet will also be presented with TCRS’ current menu of delicious and value for money chicken dishes, including the traditional Hainanese Steamed Chicken, Hainanese Curry Chicken and Prime Honey BBQ Chicken, all cooked to perfection. TCRS also offers a wide variety of mouth-watering Penang delicacies such as Nyonya Pai Tee, Special Penang Chai Boey (Spicy Mixed Vegetables), Gado-Gado, Kerabu Mango and Pak Choy with Oyster Sauce. Customers at TCRS definitely are spoilt for choice!
With a la carte items starting from $1.50, TCRS is a place with something tasty for everyone. There is also a range of value meal sets that caters to different groups, priced $12.90++ for a single person (compromising starter, single serving of chicken, rice, vegetables, soup, drink and dessert) to $68++ for groups of six.

**Outlet Locations**

The Chicken Rice Shop takes pride in offering a convenient and comfortable dine-in experience to all customers.

Its new outlet is located at Causeway Point, Unit B1-16 (tel: 6893 9556), opens 10am to 10pm daily.

The Bedok Point outlet is located at Unit 02-10/11 (tel: 6241 3833) and the VivoCity outlet is located at Unit B2-37 (tel: 6376 9388), both open from 10am to 10pm daily.

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**About TCRS**

The Chicken Rice Shop (TCRS) is a chain of Halal family restaurants operated by TCRS Restaurants Sdn Bhd, a company incorporated in Malaysia, with some 58 outlets located across Malaysia. Managed by Founder/Managing Director Gaik Wong and her daughter, Co-Founder/Chief Operating Officer Wong Kah Lin, TCRS is a quick service restaurant that provides the customer a satisfying meal with over 80 dishes and beverage choices in a cozy environment to dine in as well as convenient take away services for those on the go. Catering for special occasions is also available on request.

TCRS Restaurants (Singapore) Pte Ltd is managed by Gaik Wong’s childhood friend Ms Vivienne Tan and her daughter Ms Olivia Tan. The first TCRS outlet opened in VivoCity in 2006, Bedok Point in 2011, while the third outlet opened in Causeway Point in March 2012.

**About Republic Polytechnic**

The first educational institution in Singapore to leverage Problem-Based Learning approach for all its diploma programmes, Republic Polytechnic (RP) has six schools and two centres offering thirty nine courses in Infocomm, Engineering, Applied Science, Technology for the Arts, Sports, Health & Leisure, Events and Hospitality, Enterprise, and Communication. Republic Polytechnic is committed to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurial learning in an environment that develops problem-solving process skills and a life-long learning attitude. Its holistic, broad-based curriculum, covering culture, enterprise development and cognitive processes, prepares students for an active and meaningful role in society. Republic Polytechnic strives for excellence by achieving various international and national accreditations, including ISO9001, ISO14001, OHSAS 18001, SS540, Singapore Quality Class, People Developer, Innovation Class, and Service Class. For more information, visit [http://www.rp.edu.sg](http://www.rp.edu.sg).

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