

Restaurants, cafes gear up

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As the year is almost coming to an end, people start to think of how and where to celebrate the arrival of the New Year, while public parks, hotels, restaurants, cafes and other entertainment centers are busy preparing different kinds of parties to welcome the memorable day.

People have their own ways of welcoming the New Year. Many go out for noisy celebration and many others prefer a quieter evening at home with their family and friends.

In Jakarta, people have a tradition of celebrating the year-end in public amusement parks like the Ancol Dream Park and the beautiful Indonesian in Miniature Park (TMII).

Almost every year, the two centers organize the celebration of the year-end with *dangdut* musical shows and fireworks extravaganzas in an open arena. *Dangdut* is a kind of popular music with a strong rhythm reminiscent of Hindi and Arabic music.

Customarily, crowds love to dance to the beat of *dangdut*. The show reaches the peak when the clock strikes midnight, with the city governor leading the fireworks extravaganza accompanied by the sound of trumpets blown by the people in the audience.

And on Dec. 31 of this year, the two parks will once again

celebrate the coming of the New Year with *dangdut* music concerts and fireworks shows.

There are also those who prefer staying at home for New Year's Eve. With more television stations available, people take pleasure in spending the evening at home, watching TV with the family. TV stations provide various entertainment programs from music concerts, dance shows and comedies.

While many flock amusement parks and many others stay at home to welcome the New Year, there are those who go out for a dining experience at restaurants or cafes in hotels or outside hotels.

For those wishing to have a memorable year-end dining experience, Jakarta's restaurants and cafes are preparing special events and menus in different styles, flavors and atmospheres to make your dining experience beautiful and unforgettable.

At Kinara Restaurant in Kemang Raya, South Jakarta, for instance, visitors will have an exclusive lobster dinner with champagne cocktail and live romantic music for about Rp 150,000 per person. While enjoying dinner, guests will be treated to an Indian musical performance featuring India's top singer Sunil Kumar. Accompanied by typical Indian acoustic instruments, such as sitar and flutes, Kumar will present love songs.

The restaurants' rooftop or

Chandra Garden offers a special drinking experience for guests. The restaurant will serve various kinds of alcoholic liquors at Rp 300,000 per person for boys and Rp 200,000 per person for girls. The price includes free flowing alcoholic drinks all night long, plus fireworks and a dance show.

Following the success of Playboy Party I presented in October of this year, Kinara is once again preparing Playboy Party II featuring Bunny dancers for those wishing to welcome 2005. Playboy Party II will be held at the restaurant's Club Fez. Guests will not only be treated to dance performances by Bunny dancers, but also see a fashion show featuring sexy dresses.

In line with theme Playboy Party, the dance and fashion show will feature sexy dress that will help create a 'warmer' evening, said Kinara Restaurant's Assistant & Marketing Manager Mia Farahziska.

Entry ticket are Rp 50,000, including free shot and champagne toast.

EurAsia Restaurant on Jl. Darmawangsa 9, South Jakarta, focuses more on presenting food for celebrating the New Year's end instead of events.

To welcome 2005, EurAsia Restaurant serves two selections of a Special 3-Courses Dinner for Rp 200,000 per person.

If you select Menu "A", then you will have Roast Beef with Thickened Gravy, Creamy Potato Gratin and Sauce Vegetables as main course. For dessert, you will have Eurasian Bread Pudding with Warm Vanilla Custard.

Set Menu "B" offers Grilled Salmon Steak with Butter Lemon Sauce, Saute Potatoes

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The restaurant be transformed in deep forest, w and somewhat m nuance. The inte decorated with r ficial trees, with screening wild a animal sounds b here and there.

Jungle Party 2 sen as the theme Year Party beca people in crowd Jakarta wished t natural setting, s Hollywood Jaka tant Sales & Ma ager Diah Tri Ha

The party will pm. To enliven tl atmosphere whil the New Year, th present a musicr mance featuring Band, with singe dra. Billed the s in town by a loc Dewi Sandra wi hits, with the Al Dancers as a ba

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She said that would be annou the countdown. will receive a to including a rou to Genteng Islat and two-night s in the island.

Entry tickets. 650,000. The pri gala dinner and nity to win the

★ NEW YEARS CELEBRATION ★

<p>★ CLUB FEZ PLAYBY PARTY 2 Rp. 50.000 FDC (includes 1 shot at the door & midnight champagne toast) Lingerie fashion show, dancers & ...</p>	<p>Friday, 31st December 2004 ★ KINARA RESTAURANT ★ Lavish buffet & champagne cocktail dinner. Rp. 150.000 + + / person. Live entertainment</p>	<p>KINARA ROOFTOP All you can drink party start at 9.30 pm Fireworks, Fire spitters, dancers & more.FDC 300.000 for men. 200.000 for ladies.★</p>
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