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The two winners Vinura De Silva and Kumarasiri Rohana with General Manager Rudolf Troestler

Hilton Colombo's young and talented chef Kumarasiri Rohana and his Apprentice Vinura De Silva secured the first runners-up positions at the recently concluded Bocuse d'Or Sri Lankan finals where 19 culinary teams comprising of Chef and Apprentice took part in the competition. The winner will take part in the Asia finals

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which will be held in Shanghai in 2014.

With over 15 years of experience at the Hilton Colombo, Kumarasiri Rohana has successfully completed the two year kitchen apprentice programme. He has won two gold medals previously in the Culinary Art competition held in 2011 and 2012. His Apprentice Vinura De Silva having completed his studies at St Thomas College, Mt Lavinia is presently working as an Apprentice at the Hilton Colombo and has successfully completed Industrial Training and Certificate level course in professional cookery at the Sri Lanka Institute of Tourism & Hotel Management. The duo took part in the Bocuse d'Or competition for the first time.

World renowned Paul Bocuse, a French Chef based in Lyon is known as the God Father of the Culinary world. He has given many young chefs opportunities through his Bocuse d'Or competitions which has been regarded as the most prestigious award for chefs in the world.