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CELEBRATING FOOD SAFETY DAY WITH OUR VALUED CLIENTS



Aardwolf Pestkare was invited to McDonald's Singapore's first ever Food Safety Day held on 6th and 7th June 2024.

Commemorated worldwide, Food Safety Day draws attention to the importance of food safety, especially in F&B establishments. Along with Arytza, Hot & Cold, Ecolab and the Singapore Food Safety Agency, we spoke about good cleanliness practices and how to keep McDonald's restaurants pest-free. The McDonald's managers were engaging, keen to ask questions, and certainly excited to win some prizes!



Our very own Pierce Chan and Dr Jerry Hu also participated in Nestle's Food Safety event on 7th June 2024, which was attended by around 70 of Nestle's own staff.

The Quality Assurance team from Nestle hosted food production-centric games such as getting the participants to spot whether barley had been replaced with wheat, and identifying maltose from other sugars. At our own Aardwolf Pestkare booth, we displayed our traps, as well as some specimens of honey bee hives and hornets. Participants were also quizzed on the pest questions such as the life cycle of the Aedes Mosquito, and the type of diseases it spread. Overall we were amazed by the enthusiasm and knowledge of the Nestle staff!



From left to right: Chong Jia Xin (QA Executive at Nestle), Tony Tan (Senior Service Supervisor) and Yee Kar Yen Nicole (QA Manager at Nestle)

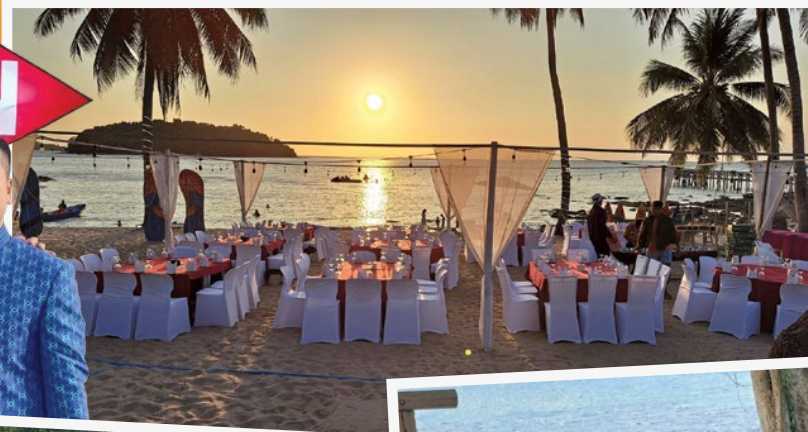


PIERCE IN CAMBODIA WITH ORKIN FRANCHISEE

Our Sales Manager, Pierce Chan, had an opportunity to attend an annual event held by Orkin Cambodia on 22nd and 23rd February 2024, at Koh Sdach island. The purpose of the event was to recognise and celebrate the remarkable contributions of Orkin Cambodia's team members who achieved significant milestones throughout their years of service.

Pierce had this to say: "Teamwork makes the dream work. It is important for a company to reinforce the commitment to recognise and reward the tireless effort of [their] people so as to pave a way to success".

Here's our Sales Manager from Aardwolf Pestkare, Pierce Chan, and the Managing Director from Orkin Cambodia, Sokunthai Yeab.



CLEANENVIRO SUMMIT SINGAPORE 2024

The Clean Environment Convention of CleanEnviro Summit Singapore 2024 was held from 19 to 21 June and run by the National Environment Agency (NEA).

Our Technical Manager, Dr. Jerry Hu was invited to speak in the session on "Winning the War: Sustainable Solutions for Smart Pest Management". Dr Hu's presentation was titled 'Unravelling the Mystery of Food Safety Audits with a Focus on Pest Management'. He shared the importance to conduct Food Safety Audits and how to help Clients to pass their Audits.

Held at the magnificent Sands Expo and Convention Centre, the CleanEnviro Summit Singapore aims to bring together government officials, industry players and academics worldwide to network and share best practices.

WHO'S THE CLEANEST VAN OF THEM ALL?

This annual event brings together Technicians from different Teams, all striving to achieve the highest standards of cleanliness for their vans.



Vehicle inspection 1st prize (Derrence Lee)



Best newcomer (Raihan)



Consistently clean (Shah)



Vehicle inspection 2nd prize (Ahmad Wahib)



Most improved vans
(from left to right: Bingnan, Ryan, Ismail and Ricky)

The objective of this competition is not only for our Technicians to showcase their vans' cleanliness and good condition, but also to enhance Aardwolf Pestkare's reputation as a leader in promoting high standards of vehicle maintenance. The vans were evaluated based on the following criteria: (1) exterior & interior cleanliness; (2) preparation and safety equipment.

A VISIT FROM NUS FOOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

We were delighted to host a group of enthusiastic university students for an immersive educational experience. The heart of the visit lay in the exploration of our pest management techniques. Guided by our seasoned professionals, the students were introduced to a myriad of innovative solutions employed in our operations, ranging from surveillance systems (Eyetrak) to integrated pest management (IPM) protocols.

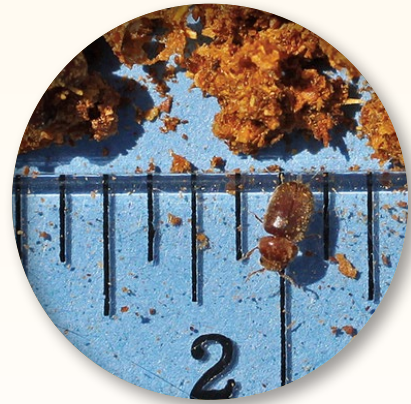


The exhibition of Mirakn, a combination of CO₂ and an active ingredient, proved to be the wow factor of the day. Our Senior Service Supervisor Fauzee demonstrated how administering Mirakn into an air-tight box would result in the effective elimination of Cockroaches.

This visit of NUS students to our office reinforced our commitment to education and excellence, in our pursuit of creating a safer and pest-free environment.



CIGARETTE BEETLES



WHY the name Cigarette beetle?

Cigarette beetles, *Lasioderma serricorne*, are among the most common insects infesting stored food. The cigarette beetle is so named because it is fond of eating tobacco, but also on its menu are spices, pasta, tea leaves, cereals, and even powdered milk and book bindings.

WHAT do they look like?

Adult beetles are minute insects, about 2-3 mm in length and reddish-brown in colour. Fine hairs on the body give the beetles a silky appearance. The head is bent downward and not easily seen from above. Under optimum conditions, a cigarette beetle life cycle is completed in 26 days.

HOW can I prevent Cigarette beetles?

Think of the acronym **C. G. M. P.**



Check pallets of food upon arrival at the warehouses or inspect individual products that are brought home from retail outlets. The presence of adult insects or holes in packages are indications of infestation.



Good sanitation. The timely removal of any spilled or infested food will reduce the source of the beetles.



Maintain temperature. Where possible, store food at or below 16°C. Cigarette beetle larvae do not develop under temperature 16°C.



Proper storage. Use and finish older stock first, before buying or opening new stock.

Cigarette beetle infestations can be frustrating, but **professional pest management** can help. Instead of trying to handle the problem yourself, just call **Aardwolf Pestkare!**

Call us at 6268 1771 today!