Video clip: APOT announces dates for 2025 networking forum

APOT returns in October 2025

Asia Pacific Onboard Travel (APOT) will return in 2025, hosted on Hainan Island, China, in partnership with the World Shiology Forum (WSF) and Global Culinary Alliances (GCA).

As part of the collaboration, APOT will host its 11th Networking Forum from October 28 to 30, 2025, at the Hilton Haikou. The event, held in partnership with WSF, is set to attract stakeholders from across the airline, rail, cruise and hospitality industries. A key highlight will be the debut of GCA's Golden Knife Global Culinary Challenge, a competition that will showcase international culinary talent through a modern, tech-integrated judging format.

In a world-first, the Golden Knife Challenge will feature a hybrid judging panel that combines artificial intelligence with the insight of master chefs, celebrities, social media influencers and food critics, creating a transparent and dynamic evaluation process. The event will be streamed live through the GCA app, giving a global audience the opportunity to follow the competition in real time.

With more than 100 country delegations already engaged through the WSF, this partnership promises to broaden international collaboration in culinary excellence and innovation, Hapugasdeniya says.

Further details, including the full event agenda and accommodation options at the Hilton Haikou, will be released soon via the new APOT website: www.apotasia.com.

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