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**30th ASCC Delegates Served with Indonesian Culinary Delights**

**Jakarta, 30 August 2023** – Delegates of the 30th ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) meeting were treated to Indonesian delicacies during a gala dinner at the ballroom of The Langham Hotel, Jakarta, on Tuesday (29 August 2023).

“Four dishes were served at the ASCC Gala Dinner, including *rujak* salmon, *Soto* *Lamongan*, rendang, and mango pudding,” said Tantri Moerdopo who acted as the Master of Ceremony (MC) of the event to InfoPublik on Wednesday (30 August 2023).

*Rujak* salmon was served as the appetizer during the gala dinner. It uses grilled salmon as the special ingredient accompanied by a sweet and spicy sauce made from peanuts, fresh oranges, and a mixture of young lettuce, resulting in a unique blend of flavors.

A specialty from Lamongan, one of the regencies in East Java Province, called *soto* (Indonesian traditional soup)followed the appetizer. Every region in Indonesia has its own spin on this dish. In Lamongan, *soto* features broth, vermicelli noodles (*soun*), cabbage, and shredded chicken as its fillings.

*Soto Lamongan* often comes with rice and is accompanied by condiments such as *sambal* (spicy sauce) as well as fritters such as *perkedel* (potato fritters) or fried tempeh (fermented soybean cake).

The second dish is a world-famous specialty from Minangkabau in West Sumatra, rendang. In this dinner, the beef rendang is cut into small pieces and combined with potatoes, broccoli, and sweet corn.

This dish is renowned for its rich flavor and seasoning. Rendang’s seasoning is typically made from a mixture of toasted and grounded coconut along with a diverse array of spices.

The dessert of the evening was mango pudding with a soft texture. In its presentation, the mango pudding was complemented by a special lemon fruit gel, ganache made from Flores vanilla, and caramel tuile for added sweetness.

The four dishes impressed the ASCC delegates who attended the dinner. Many of them praised the flavors of the dishes.

According to the delegates, they tasted unique flavors from the distinctive Indonesian spices throughout the dinner reception. “After the gala dinner, many expressed their appreciation for the meal,” said Tantri. (Tri Antoro/Donna/Elvira Inda Sari/Wisnu Wardoyo/PR).

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