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Science matters in food safety: Experts share food safety control experience in Macau.

With the recent outbreak of H5N1 in Hong Kong, and salmonella in the US, food safety has once again become headline news and a focus of public concern. The Food Safety Laboratories Limited (TFSL) hosted their seminar on June 13, 2008 to address these food safety issues at the World Trade Centre in Macau to an audience of Macau and Hong Kong industry leaders and professionals. Attendees included senior officials of the government, hygiene and quality managers of hotels and catering services companies, QA/ QC officers from major food manufacturers, and academic bodies in Macau and Hong Kong.

"Science matters in Food Safety" included a keynote speech from Professor Frederick Leung, from the School of Biological Sciences (University of Hong Kong) entitled "Advances in food-borne pathogen detection". Professor Leung's speech was followed by the topic of, "Achieving effective measures in food safety – a novel approach", which was further addressed by the Executive Director of TFSL, Dr. Terence Lau.

The seminar was followed by a lively discussion between speakers and attendees sharing the local food industry's experiences and challenges in handling food safety issues.

As a result of the incredibly enthusiastic response from all attendees, The Food Safety Laboratories will continue to host similar activities to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, regulations, experiences and advances in current technologies between industry and academics - so that we may address the issues in food industry collectively, based on an informed perspective.

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