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First On-Campus Hibachi-San to Open at Cal Poly Pomona

Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc. (CPPF) will open Hibachi-San in Cal Poly Pomona's (CPP) Bronco Student Center by early summer 2015. Hibachi-San is a Japanese food concept that is part of the Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. family, which includes Panda Inn and Panda Express. With only 19 locations covering 11 states, CPP will be the first university or college to have a Hibachi-San on campus.

Hibachi-San is replacing the in-house, Asian-inspired food venue Bronco Bowl, which CPPF temporarily opened in September 2014.

Hibachi-San is a blend of traditional Japanese food like teriyaki, tempura, and sushi and newer concepts such as poki bowls.

Poki bowls (and teriyaki bowls) made at Hibachi-San are individual creations that are assembled fresh right in front of the customer. Poki bowls have a base of steamed rice, brown rice, salad, or soba noodles and are topped with fresh seafood; customers can select from albacore, octopus, salmon, salmon roe, scallops, shrimp, tuna, spicy tuna, or yellowtail. The meal is completed with sauce and additional toppings of the customer's choice.

"Hibachi-San by Panda will provide a new, cutting-edge variety of Asian cuisine," states CPPF Dining Services Director Aaron Neilson. "Poki Bowls are a unique item unlike anything we have offered before. In addition, a unique tea bar will be the centerpiece of this operation."

Hibachi-San will feature an innovative tea bar with a variety of fruit teas and milk teas. Customers will have the option to add boba to their drinks.

"As a family-owned company, it is our honor to serve the Cal Poly [Pomona] family our food with passion, service with heart, and ambiance with pride," states Panda CEO Andrew Cherng. "Hibachi-San offers our guests a wide variety of options, from healthy to indulgent, and we look forward to continuing our long-standing relationship with the university, which is located only miles from where our company started."

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