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Far Eastern Café
Campbell Street 1945
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Asia-Australia Arts Centre celebrates Chinese New Year 2003 My Chinatown: Restaurant Kids

My Chinatown: Restaurant Kids is an exhibition that explores the phenomenon of Chinese Restaurants in Sydney's Chinatown and surrounds over the past century. It features Quong Tart's Tea House in the late nineteenth century through to the popular restaurants, cafes and nightclubs of the 40s, 50s and 60s including the famous Chequers Nightclub.

This exhibition is an official event of the City of Sydney Chinese New Year festival program and will be launched at 6pm on Thursday 30 January 2003 at the Asia-Australia Arts Centre, Haymarket. Exhibition dates 31 January – 22 February.

My Chinatown is a community based social history project drawing upon old family photographs and memorabilia from the Chinese-Australian community. This exhibition traces and celebrates the influence restaurants have had on our Australian lifestyle and cuisine.

Also featured in the exhibition is a local Australian born Chinese performer Cecil Parkee, also known as Lei Moon Chee who came from a family who owned a restaurant in Campbell Street in the 1930s. His remarkable photographs tell his story of being a Chinese-Australian performer for 50 years.

Exhibition dates: 31 January – 22 February 2003

Exhibition venue: Asia Australia Arts Centre
181-187 Hay Street, Sydney

Gallery hours: Tues–Sat 11am-6pm.
Admission is free

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