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GEORGE TOWN: Penang's Line Clear Nasi Kandar Restaurant and Siam Road Char Koay Teow have made it to the World Street Food Top 50 for best street food.

Line Clear was chosen as the 9th best street food outlet while Siam Road Char Koay Teow was ranked 14th at the World Street Food Congress 2017 held in Manila, the Philippines, from May 31 to June 4.

The congress wrapped up its event by recognising 50 "world street food masters".

Line Clear was described as "arguably the most famous Nasi Kandar stall in Malaysia. They occupy a side lane, not even a stall, with their selection of masala fried chicken, fish head curry, lamb, sambal prawns, eggs, spicy greens, etc, all lined up along the wall in stainless steel pans, you just devour them with rice. Turnover is very high and they are very loud and friendly, as are the customers".

Siam Road Char Koay Teow received rave reviews as "the classic travelling food cart on 4 wheels. He cooks it over a ... wood fired wok and the smoky smooth appeal is the reason for the lines wherever he drags his char kway teow cart to".

Four other outlets in Malaysia also made it to the list.

They are Fauzi Nasi Kerabu, Terengganu (23), Nonya Mee Siam Donald & Lily, Melaka (34), Guan Heong Biscuit Shop, Ipoh (36), and Jalan Kuli Satay, Melaka (43).

Singapore's Hill Street Tai Wah Bak Chor Mee was voted top of the list, followed by United States' Franklin's BBQ and Thailand's Che Paek Pu Ob Voon Sen (glass noodle).
According to the congress' official website, the hawkers were evaluated according to ingredients, food preparation, hygiene, adaptability, consistency, confidence and the quality and flavour of food.

"The winners were selected by a panel of widely travelled commentators, writers, food celebrities and professionals," it said.