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Metro Manila (CNN Philippines) — Get ready to toss your diet out the window as the World Street Food Congress (WSFC) is coming back to Manila.

The food fest is back for a second run in the country from May 31 to June 4 at the SM Mall of Asia concert grounds.

WSFC founder KF Seetoh promised a better system this year with over 100,000 foodies expected to turn up. With the bigger venue, guest can sample delicacies from over 30 master hawkers and pop-up stalls from 13 countries.

Fans of last year's event can expect the return of crowd favorites such as Indonesia's chocolate martabak or their version of pancake and Bali's barbecue pork ribs.

They can also look forward to trying new things such as soi lum, chrysanthemum broth mochi dumplings from Guangzhou. Organizers will also bring in coffee pork rib burgers from Singapore, Malaysia's claypot apom manis, and the oyster omelette from Taiwan.

The food congress will put the spotlight on Filipino food. There will be hawker stalls featuring President Rodrigo Duterte's favorite lamb monggo, Pampanga's sisig paella, cheese and longganisa empanada from the Ilocos region, and the piaya of Bacolod.

A highlight of the event is a discussion on the future of the street food industry, with TV host and celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain as one of the speakers.

Asked why WSFC is back in the Philippines, Seetoh simply replied, "Why not?"

"One hundred million people, over 7,000 islands, so many flavors undiscovered. Why not? I want to be back next year and the year after and the year after, because it is a treasure trove of culinary stories to unveil to the world," he said on Tuesday.

Foodies can buy tickets to the event on-site for P150, which is consumable. Food prices will be from P150 onwards.

WSFC operating hours is 4-11 p.m. on May 31-June 2; 1- 11 p.m. on June 3; and 1-9 p.m. on June 4.