



Chef Cor Merx in the kitchen with St. Maarten Iron Chef Dino Jagtiani.

300-plus people swarm Limburg-Brabant Festival

~ Chef Dino 'inspects' kitchen ~

PHILIPSBURG--St. Rose Arcade was abuzz with activity for the second annual Limburg-Brabant Food Festival last week Saturday. More 300 people showed up to sample the cuisine from these two areas in the Netherlands, which in-

cluded stewed rabbit. Plans are in the works to hold the festival twice next year.

Making a special appearance for a kitchen inspection before all the food disappeared was St. Maarten "Iron Chef" Dino Jagtiani of Temptation and Rare restaurants in Cupecoy. Chief food festival chef attorney Cor Merx was delighted with Jagtiani's visit.

"We had an inspection by the master of food Dino Jagtiani. He tasted every piece of food and said they were excellent and unbelievable," said Merx.

The kitchen had to close after two hours because all the food was finished.

This was good, because the funds raised, after cost is covered by the food festival organisers, will be donated to White and Yellow Cross' Sister Basilia Centre. The centre caters to physically and mentally challenged members of the community.

"It was a great success. ... The organisation has reason to continue with the food festival as a tradition. We think we should do it twice a year. Next time, we will try something with the other restaurants that will get a stand so people could taste their specialities," Merx said on behalf of the festival.

Child care and activities such as the bouncy castle were provided free of charge as part of the festival. Two Disney characters helped to take care of the little ones.

The food festival organisers also thanked the Caribbean Eagles Harley-Davidson group, which supported the festival.