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**Memorandum**

To: Professor Abreu

From: Andrea Batista

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Re: New York Times Restaurant Review

The resurrected Hwa Yuan Szechuan is the restaurant that made cold sesame noodles a take out order must have. The original restaurant was named Hwa Yuan Szechuan Inn, but got shortened for opening in October 2017. The original owners son and grandson opened the new rendition of Hwa Yuan Szechuan. The restaurant specializes in family Sichuan dishes and is located on East Broadway.

Pete Wells goes from the restaurants background right into the infamous cold sesame noodles, which he refers to as “mandatory”. He describes the difference between Hwa Yuan’s noodles to regular take out noodles. The restaurant makes sure that the temperature of their noodles is precise, to ensure that the chile oil comes across to guests. Unlike the Sichuan cuisine that we are typically used to having, chiles don’t dominate classic Sichuan meals like the ones served at Hwa Yuan. Another classic Wells’ discusses is the original owners dish of whole fish with hot bean sauce. It is a whole barramundi (Asian sea bass) cooked and left in a mash of chile oil, fermented soybeans, and chopped scallions. Though the dish is made with ingredients of bold flavors, Wells’ claims it is a very balanced dish.

I personally would be delighted to dine at Hwa Yuan Szechuan. The review was filled of positive feed back from the décor to the food. The restaurant has classic dishes, for example snow-pea shoots which are said to be delicious, but then they have a few interesting new dishes, like the stir-fried brussel sprouts with bacon. Sichuan cuisine is something I am a fan of, due to the layers of flavors. At Hwa Yuan they are not only bringing back their families Sichuan cuisine, but they are also bringing back a place that had a huge impact on Chinese take out.

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