



April 2018

## Aburi Family NINGENMI NEWS

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Welcome to the April issue of Ningenmi News,  
our monthly Aburi team news series!



### SAKURA PETIT FOURS AT MINAMI

Created by the talented Natalie, this beautiful Sakura Petit Fours dessert at Minami features four irresistible bite-sized confections: The creamy Yuzu White Chocolate Cheesecake, delicate Lychee Raindrop Cake, moist Raspberry Honey Castella, and Sakura Macaron. Available only until April 22!

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### ASK ABURI: ZEKKEI

*We always emphasize being “zekkei” for our guests...but what does it really mean?*

*We interviewed Autumn, General Manager at Miku Vancouver, for insights on this part of our Aburi philosophy.*

“Taken literally, zekkei would mean our stunning waterfront scenery...but at Miku, we thrive to create an equally beautiful scenery *inside* the restaurant.

From our plateware, to our dish presentation, to the way our staff present the dishes, zekkei is our way of showing our attention to detail.

The best way to put it is that it is the accumulation of these details that creates zekkei, perfection from both close and afar.” -Autumn



## 5 QUESTIONS WITH ABURI'S

# SONIA

Events Coordinator, Miku Toronto

### HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH ABURI FOR?

3 months

### FAVOURITE DISH AT THE RESTAURANT?

Kyoto Saikyo Miso Baked Sablefish & Ebi Oshi Sushi

### FAVOURITE ABURI WORD?

Ningenmi - To me this is what makes Aburi Restaurants Canada a unique organization to work for and sets us apart! Finding joy within oneself by bringing joy to others is the definition of genuine service and hospitality. It may be the smallest task like serving a glass of water to a guest, if done with joy and pride is appreciated by our guests.

This concept extends to our colleagues, it is only when you treat your colleagues with respect can you create a positive work environment which then translates into going the extra mile and providing an experience of seamless service to our guests.

### FAVOURITE PLACE YOU'VE TRAVELLED TO?

Big Island - Hawaii : The ecosystem in the Big Island is so unique. You can experience active volcanoes, lush green rainforests and gorgeous white sand beaches all in a day!

### WHAT ARE YOU OBSESSED WITH LATELY?

Succulents!

### GO-TO SONG FOR KARAOKE?

Summer of 69 - Bryan Adams  
(good old Canadian boy ;)

## ABURI TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

### BARNABY

at *Minami*

“One of the best dining experiences I’ve had in Vancouver!

Barnaby was the help for the night, and he put together the menu/drinks for us. Everything was spot on! My fiancée and myself had an amazing time. Thank you so much Barnaby, you really made the night for us.” (Google)



### ABURI TEAM SPECIAL\*

## RAMEN + BEER = \$14

Ramen and beer, a match made in post-work heaven.

Don't forget to take advantage of this sweet (savory?)

Aburi Team Special at Gyoza Bar! Choose your favourite ramen and combine it with your go-to draft beer.

\*Please be prepared to show proof of employment!

Message from the editor

### TIFFANY'S EPIPHANIES



Thank you for reading this month's Ningenmi News!

You may have noticed that the formatting looks a little different -- looking back, I realized that the newsletter was long overdue for an aesthetic makeover... I hope you like the new look, please let me know your comments and feedback if you have any! Also, if you have any photo of your team that you would like to share, please send it over to me at [tiffany@aburirestaurants.com](mailto:tiffany@aburirestaurants.com).

Thanks again and see you next issue!

