

# Sayonara, Carignano



Gianluca Pardini and Mariella Lencioni with the students



Diamantina Scola-Camerini and Jaime Prunas



Carol Lucchesi and Daniela Grossi



Myunghwa Yoo



Ayami Kawano



Kayoko Sato and Tomoko Sakurai



A pensive Gianluca



Stefano Allegrini



Alvaro Bartoli

For two years, Master Chef Gianluca Pardini has been running Italian cooking courses for professional Japanese cooks at the Hotel Carignano, near Lucca. While they are here the students not only learn from chefs who come from all over Italy but also attend Italian lessons at the Koinè school. Gianluca's *International Academy of Italian Cuisine* started nineteen years ago in Siena and is the oldest school of Italian cooking for foreigners in Italy. Last month, to mark the end of their course and to thank everybody who'd made their stay in Lucca so enjoyable, the latest group of students prepared a lavish dinner – half Japanese and half Italian. For many of the Italians it was their first taste of Japanese food and the *yasai no kaki age* (fried "nests" of vegetables) went down particularly well. The evening ended with each student being presented with a diploma.



Gianluca and Yasuka



Andrea Moradei, Gianluca and Yohshino



Ilenia and Idheo