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SINGAPORE : It's a prized delicacy eaten mainly on special occasions like wedding banquets and Lunar New Year reunion dinners.

That's why it was a dream come true for the 80 abalone-lovers who took part in an eating competition involving the mollusk.

Together, they devoured nearly S\$5,000 worth of abalone in the event organised by food distributor Shiro Corporation.

Participants had to each gobble down a can of abalone within the shortest time.

And winner 34-year-old systems consultant Phoa Yeo Hiong took just 1 minute and 20 seconds to wolf down the pricey shellfish before him.

He walked away with prizes including S\$300 cash.

The contest was part of the two-day Jade Abalone Festival organised at Compass Point shopping mall in Sengkang.

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