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It is a prized delicacy that is often eaten on special occasions such as wedding banquets and Chinese New Year reunion dinners.

That is why it was a dream come true for the 80 abalone-lovers who took part in an eating competition involving the mollusc. Together, they devoured nearly \$5,000 worth of abalone in the event organised by food distributor Shiro Corporation.

Participants had to each gobble down a can of abalone - valued at \$58 each - within the shortest time.

And the winner was systems consultant Phoa Yeo Hiong, 34, who took just one minute and 20 seconds to wolf down the pricey shellfish.

He walked away with prizes including \$300 cash. The contest was part of the two-day Jade Abalone Festival organised at Compass Point shopping mall in Sengkang. Shaffiq Alkhatib



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First-place winner of the Jade Abalone Eating Contest, Mr Phoa Yeo Hiong, beat the other contestants by chomping down a can of abalone in one minute and 20 seconds. PHOTO COURTESY OF SINGNAN ADVERTISING AGENCY

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