



MY CUPPA TEA: Bistro Lago chef Shane Yardley has been selected to represent New Zealand in Sri Lanka. Photo: SARAH

Tea break for top chefs

BISTRO Lago head chef Shane Yardley has been selected to represent New Zealand in Sri Lanka while learning how best to match tea and food.

He is part of a group of 12 chefs from places such as India, Australia, Belgium, Chile, Poland and Lithuania who will be taken through an in-depth appreciation of tea by Dilmah founder, Merrill J. Fernando and his son Dilhan as a part of the Chef and the Teamaker programme.

The group will then be whisked on an adventure around Sri Lanka and will work on dishes including tea.

The chefs will cook a tea inspired dish at a gala dinner at the Hilton Colombo, raising funds for the MJF Foundation, which helps fulfil the dreams of aspiring chefs in the north and east of Sri Lanka. Mr Yardley said in preparation he had been sent a huge array of tea to test and had learnt a lot about the proper ways to drink and make tea.