

New Asian restaurant opens downtown

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SALEM — There is a new addition to Salem's menu of downtown restaurants. Fresh Taste of Asia celebrated its grand opening this week in Townhouse Square.

The restaurant occupies space that used to be the home of The Phoenix School, which has consolidated in the back of the building, farther from the street.

Fresh Taste owner Frandy Xu said there were six months of hard work and renovations before the doors opened. Fresh Taste of Asia's decor is simple, with pale yellow walls and seating for up to 100 patrons inside, in addition to a cocktail bar and a fresh sushi bar. An outdoor patio will open in a few weeks.

The menu boasts a variety of Chinese, Japanese and Szechuan cuisine along with sushi specials and signature dishes. They also offer daily lunch specials.

Fresh Taste of Asia is located at 118 Washington St. in Salem. It is open daily, from 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, and from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.