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In the mid '90s, back when the Mercado family had this simple vacation house on top of an undeveloped hill, patriarch Meloy Mercado would setup an impressive fireworks display every November 1.

Locals would then view this spectacular scene from below. This encouraging response spurred him to put up a restaurant serving Filipino and grill foods. Now called Taklobo, it officially opened on November 17, 1999 and hosted the closing ceremonies of the 1st Mindanao

