Excellent facilities for hospitality programme at Sunway

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THE rapid growth in the hospitality industry has resulted in an acute shortage of 160,000 trained and qualified personnel.

In line with the increasing demand, Sunway College has invested more than RM1.2 million on state-of-the-art facilities in the setting up of its School of Hospitality Management.

The School offers the Certificate in Hotel & Catering Operations and Diploma in Hotel & Catering Management.

The Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Datuk Sabarudding Chik commented recently that the hotel industry is still in need of workers as an estimated 160,000 workers are needed to cater for one million rooms, with a ratio of two workers per room.

Sunway College has the advantage of being located in an environment which is uniquely placed to offer exposure to a whole range of experiences with a major resort hotel, theme park, shopping centre and a club at its doorstep.

Students of Sunway College’s School of Hospitality Management study at a purpose-built campus, which has all the facilities required for training at a first-class hotel.

Its training facilities include three state-of-the-art kitchens (pastry, production and preparation), a fine-dining training restaurant and the Deli Cafe.

There is also a mock-up housekeeping suite and a fully computerised front office system which is used for training.

The Certificate in Hotel & Catering Operations is a one-year programme which includes a semester of supervised work experience and its objective is to ensure that students are taught in the area of food and beverage operations, focusing on restaurant and kitchen operations.

The Diploma in Hotel & Catering Management, a two-year programme, prepares students for supervisory and managerial positions in the hotel and tourism industry.

Sunway College students pursuing the certificate and diploma courses can also earn external qualifications from the City & Guilds Institute in the UK.

City & Guilds is an external examination body that offers unique programmes to students which will enable them to earn qualifications that are recognised internationally in the hospitality and tourism industry.

The programmes offered at the School of Hospitality Management are Accommodation Operations and Services, Food and Beverage Services, Food Preparation and Culinary Arts, Reception Operations and International Tourism.

During the first year of studies, students will undergo mostly hands-on operational modules while in the second year, they will be exposed to the management aspects of the industry.

Director of the School Mae Tan, said the syllabus was designed in consultation with British and Australian universities, as well as experienced practitioners from the hospitality industry.

Students will be exposed to business management studies, accounting, economics and law as well as specialised courses on different aspects of Hotel Operations.

Other than these universities, students may also choose to further their studies in Hospitality Management in other countries such as France and Switzerland.

With these qualifications, students can obtain senior positions in hotels, resorts, restaurants, leisure clubs, cruise-liners and other related industries.

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