NOW that the country is rapidly recovering from its economic problems, one industry that is expected to be a major gain­er in the next millennium is the hospitality and tour­ism industry.

This sector is fast grow­ing and at its current rate, there will be a lot of opportunities for qualified and trained personnel to take up challenging and rewarding positions in the hotel and tourism fields.

Sunway College has good links with the hospita­lity industry and it is set to be a leading pro­vider of trained profes­sionals to meet the na­tion’s manpower needs in this lucrative business.

To help meet the grow­ing needs of this industry and complement the gov­ernment’s efforts to pro­mote tourism within the country, Sunway College is offering a wide range of programmes leading to a degree from recognised univer­sities abroad. Cur­rently, the courses offered include certificate and di­ploma programmes.

“Our objective is for students to acquire know­ ledge in food and bever­age management and rooms division so that they can assume supervi­sory and managerial posi­tions in this thriving industry,” said May Tan (right), Sunway College programme director for School of HospitaUty and Tourism Management.

School leavers with SPM qualifications can either take up a one-year certificate course and opt for employment or contin­ue for another year and earn a diploma before go­ing overseas to complete their degree.

Students who graduate with the certificate or the diploma can look forward to career oppor­tunities in leading hotels, re­sorts, restaurants, clubs, cater­ing and travel industry.

For those who want to do a degree in the relevant field, they can go to estab­lished universities in the US, Britain, Australia, France, Switzerland or Ca­nada and gain advanced entry for a bachelor’s de­gree in hospitality man­agement.

Those going overseas can expect to do their degree courses at six universities worldwide which have links with Sunway College. They are Johnson & Wales University, Uni­versity of New Brunswick, New Hampshire College, Queen Marguerit Universi­ty College, Edinburgh, Ox­ford Brookes University and Victoria University of Technology, Australia.

Sunway College is also offering an advanced diploma course in hotel and catering management and this external examination is conducted by City & Gu­ilds International.

Part of the training includes a four-month indus­try stint at any ap­proved hotel, restaurant or other hospitality establish­ments, including Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel, PJ.

The college also offers good training facilities to groom students to meet the growing demands of the industry.

The college has its own purpose-built fine dining training res­taurant with seat­ing capacity for 100 persons. Here, the students are taught techniques of food and beverage ser­vice besides picking up skills on how to supervise and man­age an outlet.

Sunway College organises talks and seminars on nutrition, hygiene and health for stu­dents to be educated on the finer skills of food and drinks preparation.

The recent one was a talk on how to make good tea by a leading tea grow­er, Boh Plantations.

Its next intake is on Aug 23 and the entry qualifica­tion is SPM or equivalent.

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