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Cooking up a career in hospitality

TUNKU Abdul Rahman University College's (TAR UC) hospitality programmes have been offered since 2001 and cover a wide spectrum of the hospitality industry. Conducted by the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities (FSSH), the programmes cover disciplines such as hospitality, events, hotels, tourism as well as culinary arts at the diploma and bachelor's degree levels.

"To ensure an immersive learning experience for our students, we provide modern facilities with an industry-oriented environment that will properly train students for a career in the hospitality industry and beyond as we bring the industry to the classrooms," commented Dr Karthiyani Shanmugam, Dean of FSSH.

FSSH's hospitality programmes work closely with International MOU partners to explore and develop possible mechanisms which facilitate each other for industry needs. The training facilities provided at TAR UC also meet the highest industry standards to allow students to hone their skills through hands-on learning.

"Students will be able to gain both theoretical understanding and practical experiences during their studies at TAR UC, and our close collaborations with industry partners enable students to have variety of choices to undergo a 16-week internship locally," added Vivienne Soong, associate dean of FSSH, Department of Hospitality Management.

Hospitality facilities include two fully furnished and operational student-run restaurants – The Place and The Roots Café and Restaurant – where students plan and carry out thematic dining experiences for the community.

The industry-standard training kitchen in TAR UC allow students to be familiar with hygienic food production, quality control and food safety.



Students of the Bachelor of Hospitality Management (Hons) programme cooking in TAR UC's East Campus Kitchen.

The Beverage Lab, on the other hand, allows for sensory examinations and evaluations to take place such as wine appreciation, cocktail and mocktail mixing, tea and coffee brewing among other things.

Chin Jun Hui, a third-year student from TAR UC's Bachelor of Hospitality Management (Hons) programme, benefits a lot from the comprehensive and practical learning opportunities at TAR UC that he is able to



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Driven by encouragement, he took part and was able to qualify for the finals of the Monin Cup 2018 student chapter – annual competition initiated by Monin to provide a platform for students to exchange knowledge within the beverage field.

"My lecturer encouraged me to join this competition and I signed up without hesitation because I wanted to explore the

talents outside of TAR UC in a competition. "It was an interesting experience for me as I was placed in a totally new environment. I have to adapt to the environment quickly in order to be at the same pace with the others."

Chin also waxed lyrical about the facilities at TAR UC that enhanced his learning experience.

"What attracted me to this programme was the facilities available for students. After being able to apply what I've learned in the classroom to real-life situations, I'm able to communicate with others more confidently and it has allowed me to fully understand the standards that the real-world industry would expect us to uphold."

SPM finishers who are keen to pursue hospitality management programmes at TAR UC can opt to do either Foundation or A-Levels in TAR UC first, which takes about 12 to 18 months respectively, before progressing into undergraduate programmes.

SPM leavers can also enrol in TAR UC's hospitality management Diploma programmes which will take two years and upon completion, they will be eligible for credit transfer up to year two of the respective three-year hospitality management bachelor degree programmes.

■ For details about hospitality programmes offered by FSSH, visit TAR UC's Open Day happening from Mar 21 to April 14, 2019, from 9am to 5pm at the Kuala Lumpur main campus or any of TAR UC's branch campuses in Penang, Perak, Johor, Pahang and Sabah.

Alternatively, visit TAR UC's booth at major education fairs nationwide. Also, visit www.tarc.edu.my for more information.

Attractive scholarships are also available at TAR UC on the basis of academic merit and sibling discount for qualified students.