

'Performance Beyond Expectations'

The Australian Assessment of the UC-ATTC Hospitality Management Program

A September 19 to 22 midterm assessment of the Certificate in Hospitality Management component of the Australian Trade Training College (ATTC) diploma program with the University of the Cordilleras (UC) College of Hospitality and Tourism Management (CHTM), had shown both students and faculty performing beyond the expectations of Chef Trevor Elliott, Training Assessment Educator of the ATTC Learning and Development - International Operations department.

Elliott visited with the UC-CHTM for a four-day assessment of the joint UC-ATTC degree and diploma program that called upon the UC-CHTM faculty and students to demonstrate skills in the culinary arts for evaluation based on a criteria brought by Chef Elliott benchmarked from specific Australian national government training standards on Hospitality as a profession.

UC - C H T M Dean Shirley Edwin-Janiola said this program assessment, a regular evaluation requirement of the joint UC-ATTC program since it was launched in school year 2010 elicited the impression from Chef Elliott that student and faculty program participants have surpassed benchmarks established by the ATTC and the Australian qualification standards.

The activity sought to determine not only criteria-based performance but also compliance with competencies established in 29 learning modules prescribed by the ATTC for the Certificate in Hospitality Management course. The students and faculty "did more than expected, and I am happy with the results," Chef Elliott said.

Dean Janiola said Chef Elliott only anticipated basic compliance with the modules. But "instead, he found that the participants were able to perform tasks that are more compli-



ATTC ASSESSMENT: Chef Trevor Elliott (standing), Training Assessment Educator of the Australian Trade Training College (ATTC) Learning and Development - International Operations department shares teaching and learning strategies with the UC-CHTM faculty during his mid-term assessment visit to the college last September 19 to 22, 2011.

cated than what was prescribed," she explained.

The ATTC Certificate in Hospitality Management modules consists not only of basic methods in cookery but also covers a broad spectrum of culinary skills, procedures and methods which includes specialization in Asian cuisine, specific methods of preparation of poultry, seafood and venison, pastries as well as specialized diets for cultural needs. First aid, security, safety as well as hygiene including job coaching and English language competence are also emphasized.

Individual assessment tasks, which is a checklist of procedures that students are required to perform, as well as prescribed techniques and procedures that they need to familiarize themselves with, contain the Australian "national packaging code" that establishes country standards on how critical culinary and hospitality tasks are performed.

Dean Janiola said the fact that UC-CHTM students have surpassed the Australian "National Training Standards" shows a competitive advantage among UC graduates in this course because the ATTC-issued Certificate of "Nationally Recognised Training" (NRT) provides the necessary skills accreditation from the government of Australia, acknowledged in all of the Australian federated states such as Western and South Australia, Northern Territories, Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, and the external ter-

ritories. The Commonwealth of Nations (formerly the British Commonwealth), likewise respects the standards of the NRT including Canada, New Zealand, India, Malaysia, Singapore and 54 other member countries.

Chef Elliott said the outstand-

ing performance of UC students comprising eight sections of 40 students is a testament to the excellent brand of training provided by the UC-CHTM faculty. He said part of the assessment is also to evaluate the faculty and establish a Recognition of Prior Learning

(RPL) which follows a recommendation for the issuance by the ATTC of a "Certificate of Authority to Teach." At least eight UC-CHTM faculty members have been recommended, Elliott said.

He said the skills assessment which unraveled UC students' knowl-

edge in both theory and practice demonstrates their high employability skills necessary in the international field.

The UC-ATTC partnership grants all students who fulfill UC's regular course programs individual degree-diploma documents, namely: a Bachelor's Degree in Hospitality Management, a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. A degree earned from UC in any of these fields is enhanced by an Australian qualification through the ATTC diploma program in Hospitality, Information Technology and Business.

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- Shirley Edwin-Janiola,
Dean, UC College of Hospitality and Tourism Management

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology

'Likewise, every student who enrolls in and graduates from the 3-year UC Information Technology course, will, upon graduation, be handed a bachelor's degree in I.T and an ATTC diploma in Information Technology. The ATTC diploma in I.T. also carries the seal of 'nationally recognised training' (NRT) of Australia. The NRT seal is recognized by all the commonwealth countries as a 'skill/competence' accreditation. It gives the bearer of the ATTC diploma a competitive advantage over other international job applicants --- because of the 'NRT' seal in the diploma.'

- Nancy M. Flores
Dean, UC College of Information Technology & Computer Science

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

'Furthermore, every student who enrolls in and graduates from the 3-year UC Business Administration course, will, upon graduation, be handed a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an ATTC diploma in Business. The ATTC diploma in Business also carries the seal of the 'nationally recognised training' (NRT) of Australia. The NRT seal is recognized by all the commonwealth countries as a 'skill/competence' accreditation. It gives the bearer of the ATTC diploma a competitive advantage over other international job applicants --- because of the 'NRT' seal in the diploma.'

- Rhodora A. Ngolob
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