

RELOCATION OF THE TOURISM ACADEMY @ SENTOSA IN OCTOBER 2011

Singapore, 9 February 2010 – The Tourism Academy @ Sentosa (TAS) will be returning to Temasek Polytechnic (TP) in October 2011, when the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Polytechnic and Sentosa Development Corporation (SDC) ends. The Academy, which operated as an off-campus learning institution on Sentosa, will run its courses from the Polytechnic’s main campus in Tampines.

TAS was established in 2003 to provide quality service training and continuing education for industry practitioners and aspiring students in the tourism and hospitality sector. Besides offering academic courses in tourism, hospitality and resort management, the Academy also caters to the training needs of SDC staff and other island partners on Sentosa. Even as it moves back to the mainland, TAS is committed to tying up with attractions, hotels and restaurants on Sentosa to enable its students to continue to enjoy opportunities for a hands-on experience.

TAS is currently housed in four heritage buildings at Sentosa’s historical Parade Square. The 50,000-square feet site has been earmarked for future development, to extend the range of leisure and lifestyle offerings on the island.

“I would like to congratulate Temasek Polytechnic on building up the Academy to become a reputable hospitality and tourism institution in the region”, said Mike Barclay, CEO of SDC. “TP has been a great partner to Sentosa these past few years, and we will continue to work with TP to provide its students with internships and training opportunities.”

Boo Kheng Hua, Principal and CEO of TP added: “It has been a successful and rewarding partnership with SDC. It is a privilege to be a part of SDC’s efforts in developing the island into Asia’s favourite resort in the area of staff training and development. We are confident that this partnership will continue to thrive even after our move. There will be opportunities to continue existing collaborations to enable future cohorts to benefit from the living classroom experience that the resort island destination offers. Our relocation to the main campus will be a strategic effort to consolidate our resources and further grow our hospitality and tourism programmes under one roof.”

ABOUT SENTOSA ISLAND

Sentosa is Asia’s leading leisure destination and Singapore’s premier island resort getaway, located within 15 minutes from the central business and shopping districts. The island resort is managed by Sentosa Development Corporation, which works with various stakeholders in overseeing property investments, attractions development, operation of the various leisure offerings and management of the residential precinct on the island. The Corporation also owns Mount Faber Leisure Group, which runs Singapore’s only cable car service, and manages the Southern Islands.

The 500-hectare island resort is home to an exciting array of themed attractions, award-winning spa retreats, lush rainforests, golden sandy beaches, resort accommodations, world-renowned golf courses, a deep-water yachting marina and luxurious residences - making Sentosa a vibrant island resort for business and leisure. In 2010, Sentosa welcomed Singapore’s first integrated resort, Resorts World Sentosa, which will operate South East Asia’s first Universal Studios theme park.

Situated on the eastern end of Sentosa island is Sentosa Cove, an exclusive residential enclave. By 2014, it will be bustling with some 2,000 homes, romantic quayside restaurants, retail and specialty shops. Offering Singapore’s only truly oceanfront residences, Sentosa Cove is fast becoming the world’s most desirable address.

The island is also proud to be home to Sentosa Golf Club and its two acclaimed golf courses, The Serapong and The Tanjong. Since 2006, Asia’s richest national open, the annual Barclays Singapore Open, has teed off on The Serapong with star-studded line-ups featuring international players and golf professionals from Asia, Europe and the USA playing to nail-biting finishes.

Welcoming a growing number of local and international guests every year, Sentosa is an integral part of Singapore’s goal to be a global destination to work, live and play.

For more information, please visit www.sentosa.com.sg

ABOUT TEMASEK POLYTECHNIC & THE TOURISM ACADEMY @ SENTOSA

Temasek Polytechnic (TP) is a significant contributor to the field of para-professional education in Singapore. It is a pioneer in Problem-based Learning (PBL). The PBL concept forms the cornerstone of the Polytechnic’s educational philosophy to prepare school-leavers adequately for the world of work and a future of dynamic change. The Polytechnic is a firm believer in forging partnerships with industry to keep students close to current industry practice. TP currently offers 51 full-time diploma courses in

the areas of Applied Science, Business, Design, Engineering and Informatics & IT, Humanities & Social Sciences and over 30 part-time courses, up to the Advanced Diploma level.

A satellite campus of TP, The Tourism Academy @ Sentosa offers part-time and full-time certificate and diploma courses, executive development workshops and seminars, among other programmes in hospitality, leisure and tourism, for those seeking employment as well as those working in the industry. The curricula of the training courses is geared to incorporate hands-on training opportunities available in the hotels, food & beverage and entertainment establishments on Sentosa.

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