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Media Release

2007 Scholarship Program Launched

For the fourth consecutive year, seven Scholarships are on offer for the Diploma of Hospitality Management commencing January 2007.

Under the program, Scholarships will be awarded by Restaurant and Catering Queensland, Queensland Hotels Association, Hotel Motel & Accommodation Association, Clubs Queensland, the Australian Liquor Hospitality & Miscellaneous Workers Union, McGuires Hotels and the Hospitality Training Association Inc.

Valued at \$18,000, the Scholarships will provide recipients with a formal hospitality qualification delivered by the Hospitality Training Association Inc, the industry's specialist in training, employment and recruitment.

Coupled with appropriate experience, completion of the Diploma of Hospitality Management will open the door to progression to managerial level positions in hospitality and tourism organisations such as hotels, restaurants, clubs, convention centres, resorts and cruise ships worldwide.

Hospitality Training Association (HTA) Chief Executive Officer, Phillip Charlton, said the 2007 Scholarship Program is expected to attract an entourage of eager students currently undertaking hospitality studies at high school, as well as people working in the industry.

"Scholarship recipients will graduate ready to enter the workforce, with their skills, knowledge and experience highly sort after by the industry.

"The 2007 Scholarship Program is a significant milestone for all involved, following the presentation of this year's Scholarships, more than half a million dollars in Scholarships will have been awarded since the first program began in 2003," said Mr Charlton.



The Diploma of Hospitality Management has not only attracted State-Wide interest through the Scholarship Program, it has also gained international attention. International Students from Germany, Japan, South Africa, the UK, India, China, Korea, Mexico and Spain are currently studying the Diploma at HTA as full fee paying students.

At the launch held at HTA on Tuesday, 30 May 2006, previous Scholarship Recipient, Stephanie Christiansen said the Scholarship opened up career avenues and options for articulation into University she otherwise wouldn't have had.

"As part of my internship I was placed at the Hilton Hotel. The experience was truly unforgettable and I have now been offered a position as a Casual Supervisor.

"I have so much respect for the Hospitality Training Association for helping me make my dreams come true. We are the future of the Hospitality Industry and by being awarded this scholarship we have been given a great head start in life and in our careers," said Miss Christiansen.

Like Miss Christiansen, all of the 2007 Scholarship Recipients will also undertake the City & Guilds Diploma as part their studies at HTA, providing global recognition of their respective qualification.

Applications are now being accepted and close Friday, 22 September 2006.

To apply for any of the seven scholarships, visit www.hta.org.au. Alternatively, contact the Hospitality Training Association Inc. on 07 3872 4200 or email hta@hta.org.au.

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