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Hospitality Industry's Night of Nights

On Monday 19 December 2005, the Hospitality and Tourism Industry will acknowledge over 300 students and Apprentice Chefs as they receive their qualifications at the Hospitality Training Association's Graduation Ceremony.

The ceremony is an opportunity to recognise the achievements of those young people who have chosen the hospitality industry as their career path.

Graduands will be welcomed to the industry by Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Defence and Federal Member for Petrie Ms Teresa Gambaro. With a long family history in the hospitality industry through Gambaro's, one of Brisbane's most successful and popular Seafood Restaurants, Ms Gambaro is much of an advocate for the industry and for HTA.

"My view is that the hospitality industry is more than an industry, it is a community and a life.

"The Hospitality Training Association carries a great name, [HTA's apprentices and students] should be proud of having come through its ranks," Miss Gambaro said.

More than 900 guests are expected to attend the Ceremony, which is a significant milestone for the Hospitality and Tourism Industry who are in desperate need of skilled staff.

"As the families of the students and apprentices celebrate their achievements, the industry will be celebrating the arrival of more qualified and valuable staff and therefore more confidence in the industry's future," said HTA CEO, Mr Phillip Charlton.

Master of Ceremonies, Georgina Lewis of the Channel Ten Network, will also announce the most outstanding first, second and third year apprentices for 2005.

Although open to the public, seats are limited. For further information on how you can attend the ceremony contact HTA on 07 3872 4200 or visit www.hta.org.au.



The Hospitality Training Association Inc. (HTA) is a not-for-profit organisation that has been serving the needs of the Hospitality industry for over twenty years. As Queensland's largest employer of apprentice chefs, HTA brings together the combined experience and knowledge of the five major associations that are the driving force behind the tourism and hospitality industries in Queensland, Australia:

- Hotel Motel & Accommodation Association of Queensland
- Clubs Queensland
- Restaurant & Caterers Association of Queensland
- Australian, Liquor, Hospitality & Miscellaneous Workers Union
- Queensland Hotels Association

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