

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **SHATEC Takes the Lead in Mentorship**

1 SHATEC, the training arm of the Singapore Hotel Association and a pioneer in the training and development of hospitality professionals, is setting yet another milestone with the launch of its very own Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC.

2 The official launch of the Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC will take place on 31 July 2015 at the Singapore Marriot Tang Plaza Hotel at 10 am.

3 The first of its kind for an industry school, this programme sees SHATEC working with accomplished leaders from the tourism and hospitality industry to offer one-on-one mentoring to SHATEC students.

4 The Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC aims to nurture the career aspirations of SHATEC students through engagement with industry professionals. It provides opportunities for students to increase their employability skills, industry awareness, and gain first hand insights into work practices in the hospitality industry.

5 Students enrolled in this programme will be matched with an industry mentor whose background and area of expertise is best aligned to the student's interests and career goals. The mentorship will provide opportunity for industry experts to guide and develop the next generation of hospitality leaders through sharing of invaluable knowledge and work experiences.

6 This mentoring framework centres around five main areas – Hotel Operations, Food and Beverage, Tourism, Pastry and Culinary, and Sales Distribution and Marketing. The duration of each mentorship term is for 12 months, and the term begins while the student is still undergoing institutional training. With this arrangement, students will be able to relate what they are learning in class to practical advices and insights gained from their mentors. In addition, mentors would be resource experts students could turn to for guidance on school projects and career guidance.

7 In the inaugural launch of the Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC, 40 accomplished hospitality leaders, ranging from executive directors, general managers, to department heads from the industry have thrown their full support behind this initiative to mentor students. More are expected to come on board as mentors in the next few months.

8 An Advisory Council, comprising prominent veteran members of the hotel and tourism industry and co-chaired by Mrs Tan-Wee Wei Ling, Executive Director of Asset Management of the Pan Pacific Hotels Group, and Chairman of the SHATEC Mentor Advisory Council, and Ms Diana Ee-Tan, Director, Far East Orchard Limited & Chairman, Mt Faber Leisure Group, and Co-Chair of the SHATEC Mentor Advisory Council, oversees the Industry Mentorship Programme @ SHATEC.

9 Ms Diana Ee-Tan said, “SHATEC supports the national SkillsFuture initiative and with this programme we hope to give our students a head-start in their career planning. We are grateful for the support of accomplished hoteliers for this programme and believe that SHATEC students will benefit tremendously from their guidance and mentorship.”

10 Mrs Tan-Wee Wei Ling added, “We have benefited from mentors who have guided and inspired us. Today, as experienced hoteliers, we can make a difference to these young SHATEC students in our roles as mentors by similarly guiding and inspiring them to be a professional of the hotel industry.”

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## **About SHATEC**

SHATEC was set up in 1983 by the Singapore Hotel Association to equip Singapore’s hospitality industry with a skilled workforce. Since then, SHATEC has distinguished itself as arguably Singapore’s most recognised hospitality school with many of its 30,000 strong alumni from more than 20 countries helming key positions in the hospitality and tourism industry. As such, SHATEC received the prestigious “Most Outstanding Contribution to Tourism” award from the Singapore Tourism Board in 1992. It is also the first institution to be inducted into the World Gourmet Summit Hall of Fame in 2009 for winning the Culinary Institution of the Year award for 4 consecutive years (2001 to 2004). SHATEC Institutes Pte Ltd / 21 Bukit Batok St 22 S659589 / Phone: 64153588/ Fax: 64153530 / [www.shatec.sg](http://www.shatec.sg).