



Press Release

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Hong Kong's only training hotel fully operated by trainees T Hotel snaps 4 accolades from TripAdvisor's *Travellers' Choice 2013*

Hong Kong (January, 2013) – **The T Hotel**, Hong Kong's only training hotel fully operated by trainees, received 4 accolades from TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice 2013, for the positive reviews and good ratings given by travelers from around the world, after only opened for less than 2 years.

In the recent announcement from TripAdvisor.com, T Hotel is awarded Top 20/Top 25 in 4 of its hotel categories, based on the number of reviews, number of positive reviews and how good the reviews are:

- Top 25 Hotels in China (ranks #7)
- Top 25 Hotels for Service in China (ranks #17)
- Top 25 Bargain Hotels in Asia (ranks #8)
- Top 20 Bargain Hotels in China (ranks #2)

Located in Pokfulam, the T Hotel is the training venue for the Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre (HITDC), a member institute of Vocational Training Council (VTC). Services from room reservations, check-in/check-out, bell and concierge, in-room dining, housekeeping and breakfast are all handled by trainees who are studying the courses in Front Office, Hotel Operation, Western Food Preparation, Food & Beverage, Housekeeping and Hotel Event Operations, under the supervision of experienced instructors.

Guests from around the world can check into the T Hotel of 29 guest rooms (including 2 suites) by simply contacting the trainee-operated reservations department. Other facilities include a gymnasium and a Business Centre. Through serving travellers from around the world, trainees can sharpen their language and communications skills, gain confidence and acquaint themselves with the needs of the customers according to their culture and travel objectives. Aspiring hoteliers will also learn how to work as a team and adapt to the hospitality trade practice while interacting with genuine international customers. Not only has this "*Integrated Learning Experience*" strengthened their skills learnt in classroom, but also equipped them with practical experience which increases their competitiveness in the job market. In fact, the immediate employment rate for HITDC trainees has always been running high at 90% as many of the graduates are employed by international hotel chains, catering groups, travel agents, airlines, theme parks, private clubs and other relevant industries, upon course completion.

HITDC introduced its first program in 1984 and since then, has been providing hospitality related courses in Front Office, Housekeeping, Western Food Preparation, Western Bakery & Pastry, Food and Beverage, Tour Guide and Service Culture. New programs in wine and bartending, Japanese Cuisine, Hotel Spa and Beauty Therapy were later developed and offered to cope with the growing demand in new business areas of the hospitality industry. The T Hotel has been highly praised by customers who shared the same training concept of the hotel since its official opening in March 2011 and well-supported by industry peers. Feedback and comments from guests have helped HITDC further escalate the training standard of its programs. Being ranked one of the Top 20 / Top 25 hotels by the Travellers' Choice 2013 among other international hotel brands is an encouragement as well as a great recognition to the HITDC training of nearly 30 years.

With the aim to fulfill the growing demand for professional training in the hotel, catering and tourism industries, HITDC forms part of the Hong Kong S.A.R. Government's dedication to strengthen Hong Kong's appeal as a premier hospitality and tourism destination in the region. Each year, over 2,000 graduates are trained in our Centres in Pokfulam, Kowloon Bay and Tin Shui Wai. The range of the Diploma, Advance Certificate and Certificate courses goes from operational skills to managerial expertise. While the full time training programs are designed for school leavers of Secondary 6 or Secondary 3, HITDC offers supervisory and skills upgrading programs to in-service hospitality employees. The 3 centres are fully furnished with advanced training facilities for practical training. Other training facilities at the Pokfulam Centre include the Wine Lab, Western Training Restaurant and Training Spa.

For more information, please visit T Hotel web site on
<http://www.vtc.edu.hk/thotel/index.html>

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Standard Guest Room of T Hotel



T Hotel is fully run by trainees under the supervision of experienced instructors

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