Taste of Carnival 2014

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TTHTI’s Cookbook

Cooking With Confidence for Every Occasion was inspired by our very own Programme Heads, Culinary lecturers, and students. The book was a joint effort of both the Culinary and Food and Beverage Departments to bring forth the uniqueness of the concept.

The cookbook is divided into ten themes to meet everyday occasions, which include the following: Veggie Festival, Corporate Board Meeting/ Afternoon Tea, Quick Meals, Healthy Food Choices, Children’s Birthday Party with a difference, Melting Pot – includes East Indian, African, Chinese and Syrian/Lebanese, Special Occasions – includes Valentine’s Dinner, Anniversary Dinner, Easter Sunday Lunch, & Trinidad Christmas Celebrations, Trinbago Lime – includes Beach lime, TTHTI – Taste of Carnival, & Independence Day, Cocktail Wedding and Garnishes. Cooking with Confidence for every Occasion is targeted for both the average person and young budding chefs. It is definitely a cookbook to be added to your collection.

TSUTT visit with the President

As the bright new year has dawned us, and the daunting classes commenced for the new semester, your voice is still important and is present. The Executive Board of the Tertiary Student Union of Trinidad & Tobago (TSUTT) is working assiduously to ensure that “Student Voice” is loud and clear. In that regard, members of the Executive had the esteemed pleasure of gaining and audience with His Excellency Mr. Anthony Thomas Aquinas Carmona O.R.T.T, SC. The meeting went emphatically well and matters arising out of this imperative meeting were, recognizing the importance and potential of such a union, issues the union has to address, and most importantly his support for this initiative. Not only with his support does this motivate the Executive Board, but also it strengthens the One Body, One Voice of this Student Union.

Members from the Executive Board of the TSU(TT) met with the President. From left, Ms. Laura Lewis - Vice Chairperson, right of her Mr. Jean-Luke Atwell - Chairperson, His Excellency Mr. Anthony Carmona O.R.T.T, SC, and to the right Mr. Shomari Hector - Secretary.
Emotional Intelligence

In October 2013, TTHTI invested in the enhancement of its service delivery process by engaging the Caribbean Tourism Organization to deliver their programme “Managing Service Quality” to twenty (20) supervisors and managers. At the end of the training, the importance of internal customer service to ensure external service delivery was very clear. It was also clear that interpersonal and intrapersonal skills impact greatly on the service delivery process. Enhancing interpersonal and intrapersonal skills require an understanding of self and others. To facilitate this development, the institute facilitated training in Emotional Intelligence through the Dispute Resolution Center on March 25 and 26, 2014.

African Delegation

On Wednesday 19th March, 2014, a delegation from Kampala, Africa representing the Tereza Mbire School of Tourism & Hospitality Management, visited the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute with the aim of entering into a Technical Cooperation with TTHTI.

Tourism students in Barbados

The Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI) is the premier hospitality and tourism educational institute in the Caribbean. We strive to expose our students to current industry practices as a way to concretize tourism research theory with practice. Using scholastic research and field work, the students will apply industry best practices in order to develop an intelligible report that meets the needs of our stakeholders.

On March 10th to 12th 2014, a contingent of 15 Tourism Management class of 2014 of the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI) participated in a Heritage Tourism study tour to Barbados. The purpose of the study tour was to:

- Appreciate heritage tourism at work in a top Caribbean destination;
- Assess and document sustainable heritage tourism best practices;
- Gather data that will serve to guide the solutions for heritage sites in Trinidad and Tobago

This exercise would not have been possible without the generous assistance of the following organizations and ministry. It was their kind donations that help to make this event possible:

- The Ministry of Tourism
- Caribbean Airlines
- The National Lotteries and Control Board
- TTHTI Student Guild
International Internships

In recognition of the value of practical training and experience in aiding in the transfer of classroom knowledge to the work place, the Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute (TTHTI) stipulates that all students complete a specified period of Externship in order to graduate from their programmes. Through Externship the students are placed at local, regional or international industry organizations where they undergo on the job training based on specific guidelines following which they are assessed by the host organization based on established criteria.

Claus Meyer Externship

In May 2013, the Executive Director of TTHTI was contacted by the then Minister of Tourism, the Honourable Stephen Cadiz, who offered an opportunity to two (2) TTHTI students to participate in an Externship with renowned Danish Chef, Claus Meyer, at his restaurant in Denmark. All of TTHTI’s students are required to complete a mandatory period of on the job training or Externship, specific to their programme. Based on the fact that students of TTHTI’s Bachelor of Science Degree in Culinary Management are required to complete a minimum of four (4) weeks of Externship at a regional or international industry organization, the top two (2) performers in the cohort at that time, Sherina Ali and Lisa Philip, were selected for this opportunity.

Thanks to the generosity of the Ministry of Tourism, who had committed to cover the expenses relating to the students’ travel and accommodation, the young ladies departed for Copenhagen on January 2nd, 2014 to begin their 3-month stint at Chef Meyers’ various establishments. They were to be rotated between Meyers Konditori (Patisserie), Meyers Lyngby (Meyers Food court in Lyngby), Meyers Deli and Restaurant Radio. Based on the students’ performance, the possibility exists to extend the arrangement beyond the initial 3-month period once both parties are in agreement with the proposed terms.

TTHTI wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to the Ministry of Tourism for making this initiative possible. Special thanks also to Christine Engen of the Trinidad and Tobago Tourism Office in Denmark for the significant amount of time and effort paid towards facilitating the initiative.

Externship/Immersion in Brazil

In 2013, TTHTI entered into a partnership with Nissi Tours and Travel Ltd. for an Externship/Immersion Programme. This initiative provided the opportunity for fourteen (14) TTHTI students to travel to Porto De Galinhas, Brazil, where they were placed at the luxurious 4-star Enotel Resort for twelve (12) weeks to complete their mandatory Externship. It also afforded them the opportunity to learn the Portuguese language by being immersed in the culture and environment. Nissi Tours and Travel utilized their extensive network of international contacts to ensure that the students had an English-speaking liaison in Brazil to assist them with navigating through their experience in a foreign country and based on the reports from the management of the resort and from the students, the pilot cycle was a success. In fact, the management of Enotel was so impressed with the students’ performance they expressed their interest in having the students return in 2014 to bolster the staffing at the hotel during the FIFA World Cup in June.

The partnership between Nissi Tours & Travel Ltd. and TTHTI will continue in 2014, however, the destination countries for the immersion are yet to be determined. Many similar initiatives are in the pipeline to provide students of TTHTI with opportunities to travel abroad to gain valuable international experience and develop their language skills.