

7 Learning by Doing

There are two training units belonging to the Institute, namely the Pousada de Mong-Há and the Educational Restaurant. Both units exist to offer our students a unique opportunity of hands-on practical training guided by professionals in a real-life environment. The training units are open to the public and government tax and service charges are not imposed for the use of these training units.

POUSADA DE MONG-HÁ

The Pousada has continued to attract an optimal number of leisure and business travellers through its various promotions. A recently introduced High Tea has successfully attracted guests to try tempting pastries with coffee or tea offered at our Pousada Restaurant.

In addition, Pousada guests are entitled to special discounts on entry tickets to cultural events organised by the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao SAR Government. The Pousada also offers booking services to programmes that the guests have expressed interest in attending.

With the newly published IFT Training Units Newsletter "Temptations", readers are regularly provided with the most updated information about our training units.

The Pousada managed to achieve an average occupancy of around 70% in the last academic year. With this relatively high occupancy rate, the training opportunities for all our students were maximized, and the role of the Pousada as a training unit was brought into full play.



IFT EDUCATIONAL RESTAURANT

IFT Educational Restaurant continues to serve as a training unit for the Hotel Management students.

In the year 2004/05, IFT successfully featured a number of banquet functions for several government entities as well as private institutions or associations such as The Macau Wine Society, Ricci College and SKAL Club. Besides these functions the IFT Educational Restaurant carried out a number of food promotions, namely from Japan, Austria, New Zealand and Australia. All these functions and food promotions have provided to our students tremendous and unique working and serving experiences.

In the educational aspect, several IFT staff members have attended and successfully completed both the Foundation and Intermediate courses offered by Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET) of the United Kingdom. Through the collaboration with WSET, IFT continues to aspire to become a leading Wine Appreciation training centre in the region.

