

Western Cuisine Trade Test Raises Industry Standards

The Western Cuisine Trade Test System launched in July 2004, it can elevate the professional standards and ensure that Hong Kong chefs are qualified for the jobs. While testing at this time is voluntary, any chef who has passed the exam for either level of the trade test (see below) will obtain this internationally recognized professional qualification.

The long-awaited trade test was developed by the Hospitality Industry Training and Development Centre (HITDC) of the Vocational Training Council (VTC) in collaboration with the German Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Koblenz, Germany. In addition, several prominent Hong Kong industry professionals, including :

- Mr. Florian Trento as Chairman,
- Mr. Fritz Sommerau,
- Mr. Perry Yuen,
- Mr. Klaus Mager,
- Mr. Bruno Burg,
- Mr. Marco Avitabile,
- Mr. Daniel Wettling,
- Mr. Hans Peter Kilchhofer and
- Mr. Jochen Kern were involved in the development of the test.

This trade test system is approved and recognised by all the European Union countries. It enables chefs specialising in Western cuisine to establish their professional credentials in Hong Kong and overseas. It comprises of the following 3 levels:

