

DINING ETIQUETTE WORKSHOP FOR HOTEL MANAGEMENT STUDENTS



“ Good table manners help you to project a good impression” Hotel Management Lecturer, Arif @ Kamsan Pusiran advised a group of final year students attending the dining etiquette workshop which was held for two days at Le'Chateau Restaurant on 8 - 9 August 2008. Almost 60 students attended the workshop. During the workshop, the students were taught the 'dos and don'ts' of restaurant and dining etiquette essential for dining in style. Dining etiquette is useful knowledge which students can practice in their daily life and in the corporate world as well. The workshop was very lively as the students took turns to serve and dine in a fine dining setting. The food served was based on a table d'hôte menu. Before the students entered the restaurant, they were served with simple mocktails and taught cocktail party manners. Some aspects stressed during the workshop were the importance of etiquette and manners when attending a formal function. Some reminders given by the Hotel Management Lecturer included: “Don't use your napkin to wipe your cutlery or face; the napkin is used to wipe your lips” and “Do not talk while your mouth is full.”