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Learning boutique banqueting at PolyU's School of Hotel and Tourism Management

Budding gourmets and passionate hosts now have the opportunity to learn more about boutique banqueting and private dining with the launch of an exciting new gastronomy programme organized by the School of Hotel and Tourism Management (HTM) of PolyU.

The new four-week hands-on programme, “The Culinary Art of Boutique Banqueting and Private Dining”, comprises four culinary sessions which will teach participants how to plan, organise, prepare and serve a culinary feast and how to create a great private dinner ambiance for family, friends and associates.

The first session will focus on the basics of banqueting including menu planning, table setting, and food and beverage service. In the second and third sessions, participants will be engaged in food preparation and service training – a hands-on experience in preparing gourmet food for a four-course dinner menu. In the last session, participants will experience the true art of boutique banqueting by inviting three of their guests to enjoy an exclusive dinner planned, prepared and served by the participants of this programme at the School’s Millennium restaurant.

With classes scheduled on every Saturday afternoon throughout the month of October, this four-week programme costs only \$4,000 (about \$180 per hour) which includes the provision of uniform, tools, food materials, course materials and a four-course gourmet dinner for the participants and their guests.

Dr Jack Kivela, Associate Professor at the School who will conduct this programme, is a graduate of the celebrated William Angliss Institute in hospitality and tourism studies in Melbourne and is a professional culinarian and a devoted culinary teacher.

From now until next April, Dr Kivela will host a complete series of gastronomy courses exploring culinary delights from various countries. For those who are really interested in hands-on gastronomy and culinaria, these are the programmes for you. For more information, please visit the School’s website at www.polyu.edu.hk/htm/culinaria.

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