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Skills International launches second retail training programme for Alpha Orient



Participants at the ceremony



L-R: Mufthy Hashim (Country Manager City & Guilds) Purna Chandrasoma (HR Manager- Alpha Orient Lanka) Danesh Abeyawickrama (CEO - Skills International) Prasanna Perera (Consultant) Graham Merricks (General Manager Alpha Orient Lanka)



The Successful 1st Batch

Skills International launched a second retail training program for Alpha Orient Lanka at the Ceylon Continental Hotel on Monday. The launch ceremony was followed by the awarding of certificates to the participants of the first City & Guilds Diploma in retailing program, the first of its kind to be offered in Sri Lanka.

In a day and age where

organisations are investing less in training, travel retail multinational Alpha Orient Lanka understands the importance of investing in its Human Resource. Purna Chandrasoma - Human Resource Manager for Alpha Orient- in his address to the gathering stated the importance Alpha Orient places on its human resource and invests heavily in train-

ing. "I am happy to acknowledge that as part of Alpha' commitment towards Human Resources Development, we attach singular importance, a high premium and value to staff training & development, with a substantial investment allocated for training each year.

Thus, we as a company pride ourselves on our commitment towards staff

development." Said Purna. In the absence of an international retailing qualification Alpha Orient Lanka turned to City & Guilds and its implementation partner Skills International to deliver the first ever internationally accepted Diploma in Retailing.

The first program was launched in 2008 for a batch of 25 staff mem-

bers and was met with much enthusiasm. "After a 4 month period of study, followed by assignments, practical assessments, an external verification process held at their respective work locations, and thereafter by a writ-

ten examination, in which answer scripts are marked in the UK, we are extremely happy to note that all 25 participants have successfully completed the program. This 100% success rate is an exceptional and an extraordinary achieve-

ment, not seen normally among many study programs." Said Chandrasoma of the 1st training program.

Skills International is a multidisciplinary organisation delivering skills development programmes

in a variety of Technical Skills, Business Support Skills and Language Skills and provides comprehensive and integrated consultancy services in a number of fields.

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A minimum of six passes at the GCE O/L examination with four credits including credit passes in English language, Mathematics, Science and an ordinary pass in Sinhala / Tamil language in one sitting (additional and optional subjects not considered) and ordinary passes in two / three subjects at the GCE A/L examination in Physical / Bio Science / Commerce Streams (as applicable) in one sitting.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Nationality	: Must be a citizen of Sri Lanka
Civil Status	: Candidates must be unmarried
Age	: Not less than 18 years and not more than 22 years as at 15 April 2009
Height	: 5' 6" and above
Weight	: BMI $\frac{\text{Weight(Kg)}}{\text{Height(m)}^2} < 25$
Chest	: Minimum 32"
Vision Colour Standard	: CP2
Visual Acuity	: Left eye 6/6 and right eye 6/6 (Without spectacles)

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SPECIMEN APPLICATION

- * Full name (As per National Identity Card)
- * Branch applied
- * Permanent address
- * Present postal address
- * Nearest Police Station to permanent address
- * Date of birth
- * Height
- * Telephone number
- * School attended
- * Educational qualifications (Ordinary & Advanced Level)
- * Achievements in sports / extra curricular activities
- * Details of previous service in the Armed Forces if any
- * Other achievements of note

I hereby certify and declare that the details furnished above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Date:

Signature of Applicant

For further details see Government Gazette Number 1586 of 23 January 2009.

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