

The Pan Pacific Hotel Bangkok Joins Hands With Unicef



The Pan Pacific Hotel management along with UNICEF representatives pose with the first graduating class of the Programme For Youth Development.

The Pan Pacific Hotel Bangkok (PPHB) has reaffirmed its commitment to serve the local community by entering into a joint "Programme For Youth Career Development" with the United Nations Children's Fund to promote career development of rural youth who have less opportunity for and access to education and vocational training.

The Youth Career Development Programme aims to improve the quality of life of young people by providing vocational skills to ensure their long-term social and economic security. An innovative training programme, prepared by the Training Manager of PPHB, is complemented with supplementary workshops on child-related issues, community education, child rights, participation and protection issues organised by UNICEF in collaboration with GO/NGO partners. Ten young men and women, aged 18-19, are invited to participate in the hotel's in-house training programme. The selected par-

ticipants who came from different areas of Thailand will undergo a 20-week training course in all departments of the hotel's operations, from Food and Beverage Department to Housekeeping, Laundry and Kitchen, including general knowledge about hotel hospitality. Classes are taught by highly-experienced department heads and supervisors and include theory and practical training.

The Class of '95 started their first day of training on 9 September, 1995. They came from the "Daughters Education Programme" in Chiang Rai, "Saema Pattana Cheewit" of the Ministry of Education in Lampang, and the Foundation for Children's Development in Surin and Mahasarakham. After the training, they will be considered for employment with the hotel if they so wish. They may also choose to apply their new skills and knowledge in their respective communities with recommendations from the hotel. PPHB provides subsistence and