Harpo’s and OLAK School of Hospitality and Tourism Management

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Harpo Productions and the OLAK Group joined hands to launch Harpo’s and OLAK School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, to conduct the Confederation of Tourism and Hospitality (CTH) modules in Sri Lanka with a view to creating trained personnel for Sri Lanka’s hospitality industry.

Both parties will synergise their respective competencies in enrolling and training identified candidates to meet the projected local and global demand for qualified and skilled personnel for the hospitality industry. The students will be trained and granted internationally recognised qualifications through the CTH Diploma in Hotel Management or Tourism Management on a full-time basis, by providing soft skills theory and practical training at facilities managed and operated by both parties. The initial courses include F&B Service, Housekeeping, Front Office and Basic Cookery and will be followed with Event Management, DJ’ing, Sommelier, Barista and Flair Barman. These are CTH certified courses and run from three to six months. Tailor-made courses are offered for the requirements of individual organisations, and onsite training is offered at the clients premises.

Harpo Gooneratne, Managing Director of Harpo Productions said that, “all courses eventually will be affiliated internationally while plans are in progress to obtain state recognition for the basic courses. The fee structure is both affordable and

competitive, and varies depending on individual requirements. Sri Lanka’s best available trainers will handle the training while expatriate trainers will be brought down for any specialised areas required”.