

Saigontourist, Singaporean partners train employees

By Dao Loan - The Saigon Times Daily



*Nguyen Huu Tho (R), general director of Saigontourist Holding Company, hands a souvenir to Ng Lee Tak, senior vice president of corporate and consulting of Singapore's PSB Academy, at the opening ceremony of the hotel management course in HCMC on Monday - Photo: Dao Loan*

HCMC – Saigontourist, Vietnam's largest tourism company, and its two Singaporean partners, PSB Academy and SHATEC Institutes, opened a six-month hotel management course in HCMC on Monday for 31 of its employees.

Ng Lee Tak, senior vice president of corporate and consulting of Singapore's PSB Academy, said trainees from Saigontourist's hotels would learn by English. The local trainees will attend the first three months of the course in Vietnam before taking a three-month apprenticeship in Singapore.

The two Singaporean partners are responsible for choosing the four and five-star hotels in Singapore where the Vietnamese staff will practice.

"Trainees will practice in four and five-star hotels in Singapore," Tak said.

Saigontourist and the two Singaporean partners have organized four similar courses on hotel, restaurant and travel management for nearly 130 local employees.

Tran Hung Viet, deputy general director of Saigontourist Holding Company, told the Daily that Saigontourist was joining hands with other foreign partners to train and retrain staff. The company and another partner are preparing to open one more travel management course this year.

"We spend around VND3 billion (over US\$170,000) on foreign partnerships each year to improve the operational and managerial skills of our staff for the company's long-term development," Viet said.

He said that over 600 senior staff of Saigontourist had either completed or were completing the management course and that the company was also operating local courses.

Saigontourist plans to add to its stable of hotels and resorts with new projects in HCMC, Dak Nong, Lao Cai and on Phu Quoc Island.

Last year the company served 1.5 million local and foreign tourists to earn revenue of nearly VND7.5 trillion.

Editor-in-Chief: Tran Thi Ngoc Hue; Deputy Editors-in-Chief: Tran Minh Hung.

Managing Editors: Nguyen Van Thang, Pham Huu Chuong.

Editorial Office: 35 Nam Ky Khoi Nghia St., Dist.1, Ho Chi Minh City. Tel: (84.8) 829 5936; Fax: (84.8) 829 4294.

All rights reserved. Developed by Mat Bao Company.