



## CPIT student wins prestigious international City & Guilds award



City & Guilds representative, Dr Neil Barns & Naoko Hibino

Representatives from the City & Guilds of London Institute visited "Visions on Campus", to present one of CPIT's Professional Cookery students with its prestigious Excellence Award.

Naoko Hibino was presented with a Medal for Excellence in recognition of her Outstanding Performance in Food Preparation and Cooking. The internationally-reputable award also recognises CPIT for its high standard of teaching and training for the Food & Hospitality industry.

City & Guilds is the UK's leading provider of vocational qualifications, offering more than 500 awards across a wide range of industries, and progressing from entry level to the highest levels of professional achievement.

Winning awards of the highest calibre is nothing new for Naoko. Last year, the international student took part in the CPIT Salon Culinaire competition, where she won both Gold and Bronze awards.

Karen Te Puke, Head of the School of Food & Hospitality, said the award was a tremendous result for both Naoko personally and the School as a whole.

When Naoko finishes her training, she plans to travel overseas to experience Europe's culinary culture. Until then, she recommends anyone thinking about studying Food & Hospitality at CPIT to follow their dreams.

"Having a curiosity, hunger for knowledge or dream that you desire is the ticket for your success in life," she says.

## July Intake for Graduate Diplomas

The next intake date for all our graduate diplomas will be 20 July 2009.

Our graduate diplomas for this intake are:

*Applied Accounting*  
*Business Information Systems*  
*Business Transformation & Change*  
*Event Management*  
*Information Design (online)*  
*Information & Communication Technologies*  
*Innovation & Entrepreneurship*  
*Laboratory Technology*  
*Sales & Marketing*

Please forward applications to our International Admissions team: [intladmissions@cpit.ac.nz](mailto:intladmissions@cpit.ac.nz)

## October intake for National Diploma in Hospitality Management

Our School of Hospitality is introducing an intake for the National Diploma in Hospitality Management on 12 October 2009.

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You can view the on-line brochure via the following link:

[http://cpit.web.fc2.com/Download/Brochures/Mains\\_tream/Hospitality\\_book.pdf](http://cpit.web.fc2.com/Download/Brochures/Mains_tream/Hospitality_book.pdf)

## Update on Mexican Swine Influenza

The Minister of Health has stressed that Mexican Swine influenza is a cause for caution and concern, but not alarm.

The Ministry is continuing to monitor the situation and endeavour to keep you informed as developments arise.

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## Welcome dinner for new Indian students



This year saw the arrival of over 50 new Indian students at CPIT. The International Team, along with the assistance of Mr Natu Rama from the Indian Cultural Society, met with the students to offer advice and support in adjusting to life in New Zealand. This was followed by a dinner at a local Indian restaurant, where students had a chance to meet socially with each other and some of the key academic and support staff at CPIT. Good luck to all our new students!



David Hawke  
(Programme leader Diploma in Science)



Frances Wall (Programme Leader Graduate Diploma in Laboratory Technology)



Teresa Schwelinus (Programme Leader Bachelor of Applied Management), Terry Johnston (Programme Leader Hospitality) & Kelly de Lambert (Manager Business)



Tony Kessler (Programme Leader Hospitality), Lyn Crossan (International Student Advisor) & Annie Goh (International Account Manager)

## Shatec Institutes Singapore visit to CPIT



From left to right: Nicola Johnston (Sector Manager – Education, NZ Trade & Enterprise), Veronica Chua (Senior Vice President Finance & Information Technology, Shatec), Beth Knowles (International Director, CPIT), Dr Steven Chua (President and Chief Executive, Shatec), John West (Head of School, Business, CPIT), Tony Kessler (Sector Head, Hospitality, CPIT), Alan Lowe (Associate Dean Academia & Strategic Alliances) & Jan Fitzgerald (Project Leader, NZTE).

During the first week of March CPIT hosted visitors from Shatec Institutes in Singapore. Shatec Institutes are well known hospitality and hotel management training institutes in Singapore and they have two offsite training restaurants and a fully operational hotel for public guests in downtown Singapore. The Mission to NZ was organised by NZ Trade & Enterprise to introduce Shatec to NZ and our education system. A range of programmes, unique features and teaching facilities available in NZ institutions, Industry Training Organisations and industry were showcased during their visit. CPIT helped to demonstrate the scope and scale of New Zealand's capabilities. Selena Chan, a well known baking tutor at CPIT and the recipient of the award for tertiary teaching excellence from the Prime Minister in 2007, is a graduate of Shatec Institutes.

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## Student Services Expo



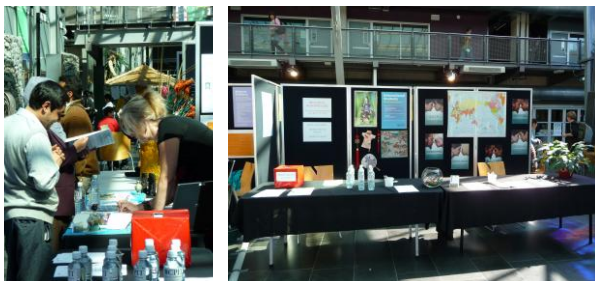
Students using the Plains FM Pod

The CPIT Student Services Expo, was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> March in the Rakaia Centre and included participation from the International Services, Library, Learning Services, Disability Services, Career Centre, Plains FM, the Health Centre and the Student's Association.

Representative CPIT staff members from each service were available to inform students on how they can assist with their learning experiences and 'life on campus.' Various displays were also interactive so students could experience first-hand the benefits and quality resources available through CPIT's services and facilities.

International Services offered a prize draw to students who completed a questionnaire and the lucky winners won a variety of prizes including book vouchers, movie tickets and mobile phone credit. Thank you and well done to all the winners!

Yuka Tsukurimichi – School of English  
Miyako Okumura – School of English  
Mari Yokoi – Professional Cookery  
Lulin Niu – Hospitality  
Yuan Yuan Liu – Hospitality  
Arjun Prakash – Advanced CAD  
Bivin Jose Babu – Laboratory Technology  
Chiemi Sugioka – ESOL  
Hee Jung Hyun – Human Resource Management



International Student Services table

## CPIT students look forward to "Trip of a life time"



Damian Lawrence, Asher Springer, Chiaki Bolam-Smith & Callum Johnston

CPIT Japanese language students Chiaki Bolam-Smith, Callum Johnston and Asher Springer have a challenging year ahead of them as they prepare to embark on a one-year scholarship programme in Japan.

All three students are currently studying a Bachelor of Language (Japanese) and have been chosen through an application and selection process to study Japanese in one of three universities - Kyoto Sangyo, Osaka International and Hiroshima Shudo.

An informal farewell was held for the students which also doubled as an excellent opportunity to welcome back the 2008 scholarship students who recently returned from their own experiences in Japan.

Dr Henk de Groot, CPIT's programme leader for the Bachelor of Language (Japanese) said "We are very fortunate to be able to offer these generous scholarships. We like to select students who show great promise, but who haven't yet had the opportunity to spend a lot of time in Japan. After a year at a Japanese university, students invariably come back not only with greatly improved language skills, but have also with much greater confidence and cultural understanding."

Beth Knowles, Director of CPIT's International Services commented "Our Bachelor of Language (Japanese) programme students all have the opportunity to apply for these scholarships and this is a wonderful chance for Chiaki, Callum, and Asher to experience living in another culture and to improve their Japanese language skills. I wish them every success and look forward to hearing from them during their time in Japan and when they return to New Zealand."

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## Funds Transfer Scheme for China

Immigration New Zealand have officially announced that Funds Transfer Scheme (FTS) is now extended to Shanghai and Guangdong areas.

Please refer to the attached Immigration NZ websites.

For more information, please contact your local Citic Bank branch.

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/branch/ShanghaiBranchHome/News/FundsTransferScheme.htm>

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/branch/HongKongBranchHome/News/fundstransferscheme.htm>

<http://www.immigration.govt.nz/branch/chinahomepage/news/>

## NZ takes top hotel award in Cannes

New Zealand has again made its mark on the international food and hospitality scene, with New Zealand representative Eve Stacey taking top honours in the recent International Receptionist of the Year competition in Cannes.

Eve, who is the International Receptionist at the renowned Intercontinental Hotel Wellington, was presented with the 2009 David Campbell Trophy at a gala dinner in Monte Carlo during the weekend, followed by England and Australia (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners up).

Karen Te Puke, CPIT's Head of Food & Hospitality, said that if it was not for Terry Johnston, CPIT's senior academic staff member for Hotel Management Training, New Zealand would not be competing and succeeding at this level.

"We are so thrilled for Eve - she is an absolute professional who has a winning personality. The award is also a tribute to Terry. It has been his hard work, dedication, drive and passion for this important part of our industry and training that established the Association of Rooms Division Executives of New Zealand (ARDENZ). I know the hours of tireless effort that he has put into establishing the association and the organisation and running of New Zealand's regional and national

competitions. We are so proud of them both," she says.

Terry Johnston has taken a competitor for this competition to Estonia (2007), Dubai (2008) and now Cannes (2009) and will take a competitor to Spain in 2010. Terry has also managed to secure this prestigious and well-attended international event for Christchurch, New Zealand in 2011.

## Gould wins top music accolade in Australia

Renowned Australian jazz pianist, composer and academic Dr Tony Gould has won the esteemed Don Banks Music Award.

Presented by the Australian Council for the Arts in Melbourne last week, the award, one of the highest accolades in Australian Music, acknowledges Tony's valuable contribution to the Australian music industry both on an educational and artistic level. The award is significant for New Zealand too, as Tony has also taken a strong role in the development of tertiary music, and specifically jazz, education in New Zealand.

Tony's career encompasses more than 30 years of achievement. He has more 13 original recordings under his belt, including collaborations with some of Australia's most eminent jazz musicians including John Sangster and David Jones, and has supported some of the biggest names in jazz, from Dave Brubeck to Oscar Peterson.

In his role at CPIT as the Jazz External Academic Advisor, Tony has been a key influence in the nurturing of many young musicians, and in recent times, assisted with the establishment of the new Bachelor of Musical Arts Degree.

"Tony is a fantastic influence on our jazz students. He is a real mentor and inspiration to our staff too," says Tom Rainey, Head of the School of Performing Arts.

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