

Sodexo, Samsui focus on disabled for developing careers in F&B sector

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The first batch of trainees have begun their classes on 4th September at the Samsui Centre of Hospitality. The trainees will gain exposure to culinary modules such as safety and hygiene, inventory management, food preparation and culinary techniques. The course methodology will include integrated learning at an incremental pace in both classroom and kitchen environments, followed by on-the-job training with a mentor in a controlled work environment.

Upon completion of the course, trainees will either continue to pursue other courses or be matched to suitable job placements in Sodexo's broad network of partners in hospitals, multi-national corporations or schools, or a partner network of F&B operators sourced through Samsui. They also have the option of seeking employment in the training kitchen.

The Samsui-Sodexo partnership is done with the support of SG Enable. Part of the Open Door Programme Job Redesign Grant – administered by SG Enable and funded by the Government – supported the installation of knee-operating hand sinks in the training kitchen at Enabling Village, to cater to persons with disabilities who have difficulty in using their upper limbs. Samsui also benefits from the SG Enable Training Grant for Training Providers, and SG Enable will provide job support services to persons with disabilities and employers.