

PRESS RELEASE

The Global Academy of Tourism and Hospitality (GATE) now part of EHL's international network of certified schools.



Lausanne (Switzerland) / Kathmandu (Nepal) - 16 February 2021 - Since 1 January 2021, the Global Academy of Tourism and Hospitality (GATE) became part of the network of EHL certified schools, thus giving Nepalese youth access to a benchmark education, based on the Swiss model of dual education, which Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne (EHL) is world renowned for.

With more than 128 years of experience in training leaders in the hospitality industry, EHL provides advice and support to other hotel schools, particularly through its certification model, in order to meet the needs of a rapidly changing industry in search of talent.

"We are very pleased to support GATE in its hospitality and tourism training. This fine institution already has a solid foundation on which we can build a strong base and an educational environment that meets the aspirations of Nepalese students and the needs of the local industry," said Dr. Juan F. Perellon, Chairman of the Certification Commission and Chief Academic Officer of EHL Group.

"The hospitality industry is evolving at a very rapid pace globally and so is the student population. Hospitality educational institutions therefore must remain a few paces ahead of the needs and motivations of the industry and the students. We are working closely with GATE in further strengthening its student centric learning environment, faculty development, curricula enhancement and learning resources. We welcome GATE to the EHL international

network of certified schools", added Aman Aditya Sachdev, Regional Director (South Asia and Myanmar), EHL Advisory Services.

In order to join the network of EHL certified schools, institutions must demonstrate a high level of commitment towards hospitality education and strong partnerships within their local industry. Obtaining and maintaining an EHL certification involves following a demanding path consisting of periodic audits, regular teacher training and curriculum redesign based on a dual education combining theory and practice.

"EHL certification validates our long term vision, dreams and strategies that will not only encourage us to constantly evolve our methods, but also challenge us to remain relevant by reinforcing innovation to offer Swiss style dual education. GATE students now benefit from an education from the best hospitality management university in the world, while remaining well adapted to the needs and customs of Nepal's changing tourism and hospitality industry," said Khem R. Lakai, Founder and CEO of GATE.

This small circle of 13 EHL associated or certified schools, of which GATE is now a part of, also allows for an increase in exchanges among students from these schools based all over the world, notably by facilitating semesters abroad for a student population who often could not participate, due to a lack of international agreements.

Upon completion, GATE students will receive a certificate co-signed by EHL, allowing them access to the network of alumni of EHL certified schools and to numerous career forums, which will help them start their careers in the best possible way.

About EHL Group

EHL Group encompasses a portfolio of specialized business units that deliver hospitality management education and innovation worldwide. Headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland, the Group includes:

EHL Ecole hôtelière de Lausanne is an ambassador for traditional Swiss hospitality and has been a pioneer in hospitality education since 1893 with over 25,000 alumni worldwide and over 120 nationalities. EHL is the world's first hospitality management school that provides undergraduate and graduate programs at its campuses in Lausanne, Singapore and Chur-Passugg, as well as online learning solutions. The university of applied sciencesis ranked n°1 by QS World University Rankings by subject and CEOWorld Magazine, and its gastronomic restaurant is the world's only educational establishment to hold a Michelin Star for the third consecutive year.

EHL Swiss School of Tourism and Hospitality has been one of the leading hospitality management colleges for hotel specialists for 50 years. The College delivers Swiss-accredited federal diplomas of vocational education and training and of higher education in its 19th century spa-hotel in Chur-Passugg, Graubünden, to Swiss and international students from 20 countries.

EHL Advisory Services is the largest Swiss hospitality advisory company specializing in service culture implementation, business consulting, as well as the development and quality assurance oflearning centers. EHL Advisory Services has offices in Lausanne, Beijing,

Shanghai and New Delhi and has delivered mandates in more than 60 countries over the past 40 years.

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About GATE

Founded in 2007 by Swiss alumnus, Khem Lakai, GATE is an international award wining and forward-thinking hospitality and tourism academy, based in the Northern Kathmandu valley, in Nepal.

GATE - Global Academy of Tourism & Hospitality Education is accredited by the Nepalese Ministry of Education, by the University Grant Commission in India, and is certified by EHL, the world's leading hospitality management education group.

Largely inspired by the swiss dual education model, GATE offers its students various programs which are composed by a balanced mix of practical and theoretical classes. While students are constantly engaged in baking, brewing, cooking, catering, they also follow managerial classes and leadership courses. GATE's commitment to hospitality education has been rewared by the World Hospitality Awards in Paris, in the categories "Most Innovative Training Program" and "Best Professional Success".

GATE is the only hospitality and tourism academy in Nepal to admit international students who represent around 20 nationalities on its campus.

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