



MIRANDA: We train potential stewardesses

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THOSE aspiring to make a career out of "flying" and do not want to be disappointed at the job interviews should check out the Stewardess Preparatory Course held solely for the benefit of the hopefuls.

Conducted by Excel Language Services, a language based company, the five-week course is specially designed to teach the potential candidates the finer points of being a stewardess such as how to conduct themselves, language proficiency and grooming.

Each course lasts three hours and participants are also briefed on the job description and interview techniques.

Upon completion of the course, candidates will be given a certificate.

After analysing the candidates' weakness they will be divided into groups and given the necessary training on areas they need to improve, said Excel's director and consultant Hilary Miranda at one of the training sessions for the candidates held at the

Swiss Garden Hotel yesterday.

"We basically teach and train the candidates to meet the criteria of the prospective airlines so that when the candidates are sent for interviews they will be successful," he said.

"We usually conduct the sessions at hotels to give the candidates the right atmosphere since most interviews by the airlines are done at hotels.

Beside this, he said, they will also be taught how to write a resume and this document will be submitted to the airlines which have job offers.

Miranda said that the company does not guaran-

tee them jobs but said that some airlines have responded positively.

Since the course began eight months ago, 100 candidates have sat for the course and 40 per cent of them are now employed while the rest need to enhance their language skills.

Participants for the course are selected after going through several interviews.

"This is because we want to pick the right candidates who meet the re-

quirements of most airlines so that they will stand a better chance," he said.

"For instance, we do not accept smokers, drinkers and those with physical defects (scars) because most airlines do not take in such candidates."

Excel is also hoping to set up an academy to train candidates for the airline industry and it will soon provide similar courses for

prospective stewards.

Miranda said they are looking for an airline to conduct a joint training programme so that the company can recruit stewardesses from its pool.

Meanwhile, for those who want to know more about the course, a preview will be held at 2pm on May 11 at the Swiss Garden Hotel.

They can also contact Tel:(07)-3359081 or Fax:(07)-3343564.