TAFE SA cooking up partnership with Malaysian university college

TAFE SA has taken a step towards a partnership with a prestigious Malaysian university college to help deliver courses in baking, patisserie and hospitality.

Employment, Higher Education and Skills Minister Gail Gago said a Memorandum of Understanding was signed today between TAFE SA, the Tunku Abdul Rahman University College (TARC) and its teaching arm, Kojadi Institute.

“Following on from a small study tour in 2014 where Malaysian students gained cooking qualifications at Regency TAFE, this MoU could result in increased training export activity with Malaysia,” Ms Gago said.

“From what was literally a brief taste test, TARC is interested in using TAFE SA’s high quality knowledge, expertise and teaching resources to improve its own training capabilities.

“TAFE SA learning materials, guides and assessments would be used in Malaysia and TARC’s teaching staff could undertake intensive study tours in South Australia.

“Export of South Australian education, including vocational education, is now valued at over $900 million per annum, with substantial further opportunities in South East Asia, including Malaysia.”

Minister Gago said several TARC Malaysia students undertook TAFE SA programs in 2014 and it is hoped that return visits could occur for even more students and staff.

“TARC executives were particularly impressed by TAFE SA’s Regency Campus and organised a 10-day study tour in last August that enabled TARC Malaysia students to obtain a Certificate II in Food Processing with a bakery focus,” she said.

“This MOU supports the potential for further study tours in baking, cookery and other hospitality areas such as retail baking assistance, hotel management and public relations.”

Tunku Abdul Rahman University College is a public institution of higher learning in Malaysia, with six campuses across Malaysia catering to 24,000 students a year.

Since its foundation in 1969, TARC has educated 160,000 graduates who have gone on to become national leaders, established business people, entrepreneurs, CEOs and professionals of various industries.