'Ahopanilolo Technical College (Ma'ufanga)

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'Ahopanilolo Technical College has provided professional cheifs and trained cooks for the

Kingdom of Tonga during the past two decades. Two of their ex-students are now cheifs in New Zealand, which reflects that its trainships and qualifications are warmly accepted and well recognized by some overseas hospitality and entertainment services, among these kinds of industry.

Also, the business people from these industies in the Kingdom are becoming more aware of the commercial and

health significance of the College in recent years, especially after a few overseas hospitality and entertainment services have fully accepted and recognized its professional cheifs, and training and teaching programs.

Most of the caterings to Government Departments, and national and international functions throughout the islands are delivered and serviced by the College. This includes caterings for Royal functions, in the Palace and His Majesty King Tupou V's Villa, when welcoming special and overseas guests.

Overseas people who are working in Tonga, be on temporary or permanent bases, are among the regular customers of the College's restraunt (please see the photos attached below and at the 'Ahopanilolo Gallery), which is opened from Monday to Friday for lunch and once a month whereby its current students prepare a special dinner for regular customers and overseas vistiors.

There is no other College in Tonga on the tertiary level that runs and regulates the theoretical and practical trainings which are implemented by 'Ahopanilolo trainships and cooking programs.

'Ahopanilolo's main priority is to teach and train its students to understand both the theoretical and practical parameters of cooking and catering, and for them to be able too to find a job and better life in the industires of hospitality and entertainment when leaving school.

Students are also taught and trained to be able to cook proper and healthy food in their individual homes, and in churches' functions and traditional kainga feasts. In general, it is all geared for the global and Chatholic aim of producing good citizens and happy Christians regardless of different social backgrounds.

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