

## IHHR plans spa institute for 2008

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IHHR Hospitality PTV have announced that they will open the Ananda Spa Institute in Hyderabad in March 2008.

Jane Crebbin-Bailey of UK based international spa consultants, HCB Associates, has been advising IHHR Hospitality on the project since its inception in July 2005.

Jane is a member of the HABIA working group responsible for the new UK vocational standards for spa and a visiting lecturer at the University of Derby. She has recently developed a foundation degree in Spa for Buckinghamshire and Chilterns University Colleges (BCUC).

The Ananda Spa Institute has 2,100m<sup>2</sup> (22,000 sq. ft) of floor space over 3 floors and plans to have three student intakes a year, with students enrolling in January, May and September and is initially working towards CIBTAC and ITEC accreditation. In full operation the institute will have 120 students on the campus at any one time.

The Institute has been set up with the purpose of providing well-trained high quality staff to the hospitality industry both within the country and overseas. The courses offered at the Institute will be - International Body Treatments, Ayurvedic Therapies and Advanced Teacher Training programme in Yoga. The institute plans to lead spa education in South East Asia and maintain high standards throughout the region with international cooperation. Josephine Wackett has been appointed Principal. She was earlier with the world famous Steiner School in London, where she was Principal of the Steiner Beauty School for the last 30 years. Josephine is also the CIDESCO International Board member for Education.

"I am very pleased to be associated with the Ananda Group, who are the leading spa operators in the region of South East Asia, and to have the opportunity of accepting this challenging position. I believe that India has a lot to offer international health and wellbeing with its long history of natural holistic therapies, many of which have already been adopted in the leading spas around the world" says Josephine Wackett.

"The need for an Institute like this has been very keenly felt by the Hospitality Industry, says Mrs. Neelam Khanna of IHHR Hospitality. It will go a long way in meeting the ever growing demand for quality professionals in the wellness sector."