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Speech at South Australian Division of Catering Institute

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Mr Miller , members of the South Australian Division of the Catering Institute, ladies and gentlemen, competitors:

Thanks very much for asking the Premier to present the prizes at this year's Championships , and I know that he is very disappointed that he was unable to be here this afternoon.

When he asked me to offer his apologies , he also wanted me to pass on his congratulations not only to the competition winners , but to all the apprentices who took part and , of course to the South

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Australian Division of the Catering Institute for organising such an important event.

The catering industry is a very important part of the national economy , but its impact is even more pronounced in South Australia.

As a State we benefit greatly from tourism, and a major factor in our ability to persuade people to visit us is the good reputation our catering industry has justifiably earned .The restaurants of Adelaide, the Hills and the Barossa are

known throughout Australia and, without exaggerating, in some cases throughout the world.

Competitions such as this one today will further enhance that reputation because we cannot be complacent; standards must rise throughout the catering industry to ensure our standing is maintained and that the community makes greater use of our restaurants and catering outlets.

One of the most pleasing aspects of the growth of restaurants in Adelaide and the surrounding areas during the last ten years has been the way average families have

come to regard eating out as a normal part of their lifestyle.

This trend has happened throughout Australia but has been particularly noticeable in South Australia. I'm sure family groups in our State are far more wine and food conscious than elsewhere, and that they make greater use of the range of good, reasonably priced restaurants the city offers.

One of the Premier's personal campaigns for South Australia has been to encourage a diverse mixture of foods and prices so

that families can share in the enjoyment of a civilised and interesting lifestyle.

The State Government has done a great deal to assist the industry provide better facilities, and the new School of Food and Catering at Regency Park is one measure very close to us today. When the School moves later this year, it will have facilities comparable to, and in some cases better than, those offered anywhere else in the world.

The significance of the new complex will be

that the School of Food and Catering will play an even more important role in the development of the catering industry in South Australia, and from that the entire State will benefit.

The catering industry will be able to grow with greater stability and with more attractive long term prospects when Regency Park is fully operational.

I am sure you are all looking forward to the first Championships in the new complex. But we should deal with this

year's results first , and I am very
pleased to announce the winners of the
1976 Apprentices' Cookery Competition .