

Sunway students can study at one of Canada's largest universities



Sunway University vice-chancellor Professor Graeme Wilkinson (second from left) with York University senior executive officer Richard Ooi. Looking on are Sunway University Centre for American Education head Dr Sim Tze Ying (left) and Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia Julia Bentley.

AMERICAN Degree Transfer Programme (ADTP) students in their second year at Sunway University can look forward to studying at York University in Toronto, Canada, following an articulation agreement between the two higher learning institutions.

York University is one of the largest renowned universities in Canada, and it also houses the country's oldest and top-rated film school.

The agreement, a first between York with a Malaysian and Southeast Asian counterpart, was signed by York University provost Professor Lisa Philipps and Sunway University vice-chancellor Professor Graeme Wilkinson, and witnessed by Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia Julia Bentley.

"We at Sunway are extremely delighted to be the first Malaysian university to partner with York University," said Wilkinson.

"The partnership will provide our ADTP students a broader spectrum of choice in terms of programmes at one of the largest universities in Canada. Studying at a campus with more than 50,000 students will, I'm sure, be an interesting experience for our students going there."

Bentley, who was at Sunway University to open the Canadian Fair, said: "Canadian educational institutions are renowned for their cutting-edge programmes in digital technology, advanced manufacturing, artificial intelligence and marine industries."

She cited Professor Donna Strickland, a Canadian physicist who won the Nobel Prize for her groundbreaking work in laser physics this year.

"You will also be in excellent company. There are more than 86,000 Malaysians who have studied in Canada," added Bentley.

Programmes included in the articulation agreement are computer science, natural sciences, psychology, mathematics, and mechanical, electrical or chemical engineering.

Sunway University students are also eligible to apply for York's international student scholarships.

"York is very proud to have its first pathway agreement in Malaysia with Sunway University.

"I am especially proud to be back in my home country to witness this partnership, and we look forward to welcoming Sunway University students in Fall 2019. We are also looking forward to working with Sunway on other initiatives, including its 'Study Abroad in Malaysia' programme," said Richard Ooi.

Ooi, who played a key role in facilitating the agreement, is the senior executive officer of academic administration in the Office of the Provost and Vice-President (academic) of York University.

Sunway University's ADTP has been developed to allow students to study the first part of their degree locally before completing it at universities in North America or other countries.

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