The Sunway route to business degree

Exposure to international accounting body

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MINDFUL of the benefits of constant industry exposure, Sunway College's Sunway-Victoria University (Sunway-VicUni) (3+0) Bachelor of Business Programme regularly organises business talks and seminars for its students to keep them abreast with the latest in business trends.

Recently, the programme had arranged for their accounting students a special talk by the Certified Practising Accountants Australia (CPA Australia), an international Accounting Body with a worldwide membership of more than 90,000. It is one of only two accounting bodies in Australia.

Speakers from the CPA Council, Lam Kee Soon and Deng Heng Fatt together with the manager for membership and operations, Lilian Chan, introduced the audience to the functions and roles of the body.

Addressing 50 final year accounting students, the speakers explained that the roles of accountants have changed tremendously over the years. They are no longer confined to the mundane task of book-keeping but are more focused on business planning and control issues.

They also pointed out that in Malaysia, in order to practise as an accountant, one needs to be a member of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA).

The CPA Australia is one of eleven scheduled bodies recognised by MIA.

The condition for membership includes the completion of the CPA programme, which consists of two compulsory modules and three electives.

This will go together with three years supervised or five years unsupervised work experience in the field of accounting, banking, and finance or business consulting.

Realising the great potential in the Accounting profession and the role it plays in the financial sector, Sunway College has expanded its Victoria University 3+0 programme to include a double specialisation in Accountancy/Banking and Finance.

This new development caters for the increasing demand in the market for professionals conversant in both the disciplines, said Lim Tiew Ming, Director of Australian University Programme at Sunway College.

The Sunway-VicUni (3+0) programme offers a Bachelor of Business degree which is very broad in scope and focuses on preparing graduates for the working world in specialised areas.

To qualify as a member, students must hold an Australian Bachelor's degree either in accountancy or an accounting major accredited by CPA Australia.

The Sunway-VicUni 3+0 Bachelor of Business twinning programme specialising in Accounting is fully accredited, said Chan.

The Sunway-VicUni Bachelor of Business degree programme offers intakes in February and July each year. For more information, please contact Sunway College at 03-56358622, fax: 03-56358633 or visit www.sunway.edu.my.