Sunway College students excelled once again by obtaining top marks in the recent ACCA and CAT examinations, writes R.V. VEERA.

Sunway College has produced yet another world-class student in accounting: Lim Kok Heng, 21, scored 91 out of 100 points, the highest mark worldwide for Paper 8 Managerial Finance in the ACCA June 2001 examinations.

He received RM1,000 from deputy executive chairman of Price Waterhouse-Coopers Abdul Rahim Hamid at the first ACCA World Prize Award ceremony held at the college recently.

He was one of 14 ACCA individual subject prize winners worldwide based on the June examination results.

The ceremony also saw certificates of recognition presented to Melissa Ann D'Souza and Sim Siew Huay, World Prize winners for CAT Paper B1 Maintaining Financial Records And Procedures in the December 2000 and June 2001 exams, respectively.

Sunway has been achieving success consistently since 1996, producing world and Malaysian prize winners in CAT and ACCA examinations at every examination.

In the December 2001 examination, CAT student Lim Geok Fun achieved a perfect score of 100 per cent for Paper B1 Maintaining Financial Records and Procedures.

Two others, Thevi Bawani and Sim Siew Huay, scored 98 per cent for CAT Paper B2 Cost Accounting Systems and 95 per cent for Paper C1 Drafting Financial Statement, respectively.

For the ACCA programme, Toh Siew Lian scored 97 per cent in Paper 1.1 Preparing Financial Statements while Su Ah Lan of China scored 97 per cent in Paper 1.2 Financial Information for Management.

Principal of Sunway College Elizabeth Lee said: "As a key player among tuition providers of professional accounting courses, we are constantly looking into new innovations and business ventures to improvise on the running of accounting courses, ensuring that our graduates are suitably poised to meet the challenges and goals of their profession."

Sunway is the first to be awarded the Premier Status Institution by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

"Quality is maintained through strict academic moderation and our high standards are being recognised internationally," said Lee.

The college's financial courses division offers the ACCA and CAT programmes.

The CAT programme is a vocational qualification designed by ACCA which allows students to support the work of financial accountants.

The final examination is equivalent to that of a first-year university standard.

Upon completion of the CAT, students will be exempted from Part 1 of the ACCA and enter directly into Part 2.

There are nine examinations in the CAT programme and they are split into three levels, each designed to test the knowledge, skills and understanding that one will need to work in accounting support roles.

Sunway was the first in the world to conduct CAT's computer-based Level A examinations in 1998. Last year, the college held the first CAT graduation ceremony in the world.

The ACCA programme offered at Sunway is divided into Parts 1, 2 and 3. The programme has gained worldwide recognition as a professional accounting qualification of the highest standard.

Candidates who have gained the ACCA qualification and the necessary experience will be eligible to become members of the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

An agreement has been made between ACCA and Oxford Brookes University, allowing ACCA students to be awarded the BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting. It will enable students to study simultaneously for a professional qualification and a degree from the British university, thus obtaining two highly-regarded qualifications.

Students will be awarded the degree upon completion of the first and second parts and submission of a research and analysis project to be assessed by the university.

The college, one of the largest and modern private higher education institutions in Malaysia, has a team of experienced professionals.

It has an academic block housing classrooms, lecture theatres, comprehensive first-class science and computer laboratories, multimedia resource centre, library, and a language lab.

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