Sunway students at Aussie summer school

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CAMBRIDGE, Oxford, Harvard and Stanford are names linked to education excellence. Impressively, amongst those accepted into these elite institutions of higher learning were Sunway College students.

Besides the said universities, Sunway College GCE A Level students also secured places in other top universities around the world, namely, Duke University, Northwestern University and the University of Nottingham, UK.

The Cambridge Boards GCE A Level programme is one of the most widely recognised Pre-University qualifications. It has been offered by Sunway College since 1989 and has been yielding excellent results.

Students who pursued the Sunway College A-Level Programmes scored 99 percent passes with more than half of them scoring at least an A in the November 2000 Cambridge Boards GCE A-Level examinations. This included 100% passes in four subjects – Further Mathematics, Accounting, Law and General Paper.

Besides academic progress, Sunway's A-Level students are also encouraged to share their views and opinions in the international arena.

Seven A-Level students recently attended the International Science Summer School at the University of Melbourne, Australia.

The two-week summer school covered various activities in the scientific field which exposed them to an interesting blend of life experiences and academic education.

With the opportunity to interact with fellow representatives from other countries, the seven participants gained valuable insights into each others culture.

Another popular Pre-University Programme offered at Sunway College is the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP).

Started in 1990, the programme is ideal for entrance requirements into all international universities and is identical to those offered by secondary schools in Ontario, Canada.

The programme is evidently an international favorite as currently there are students from more than 20 different countries attending the programme.

Students who successfully undertake the programme graduate with the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) and enroll in universities in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, UK and the USA.

They can also opt to further their studies in any one of the twinning programmes offered at Sunway College or pursue their degree at the Monash University Malaysia (MUM).

The CIMP which is approved by Malaysia’s Ministry of Education, currently offers two types of courses.

For students with an adequate background, CIMP offers university preparatory or Ontario Academic Courses (OAC) while those who need additional basic skills or knowledge are offered the foundation courses which lead to OACs.

The pre-OAC courses offered are English Second Language, Computer Fundamentals, Mathematics and Foundation Science.

Students need to successfully complete six OAC courses to formally graduate with the OSSD.

Staffed by a majority of Ontario-qualified Canadian teachers, this programme undertakes regular inspections by the Canadian Ministry of Education in Ontario.

The CIMP offers two intakes each year, one in January and another in July. The next intake will be on July 12, 2001.

Other Pre-University programmes offered by Sunway College are the Australian Matriculation Programme (AusMat) and the Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY).

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