

Students get tips on choosing programmes

STUDENTS who attended the career session on business and accounting were given an insight on how to choose a programme which best suited them.

The students were warned not to enrol in a programme without first looking closely at several issues.

"After your SPM, you have several routes you can follow.

You can either do your *Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia*, the A-Levels or a business foundation programme ... all of which are pre-university programmes.

"Do not enrol in a pre-university programme before you know what degree you are planning to do.

"Check out the various degree programmes, the sub-

jects offered in those programmes, the costs involved, entry requirements and the employment prospects.

"Also, look carefully at the type of support and facilities available at the colleges," said Lau Chee Kwong, head of Inti College's Accounting and Finance Department.

Other speakers on the panel were Lai Fong Woon, a lectur-

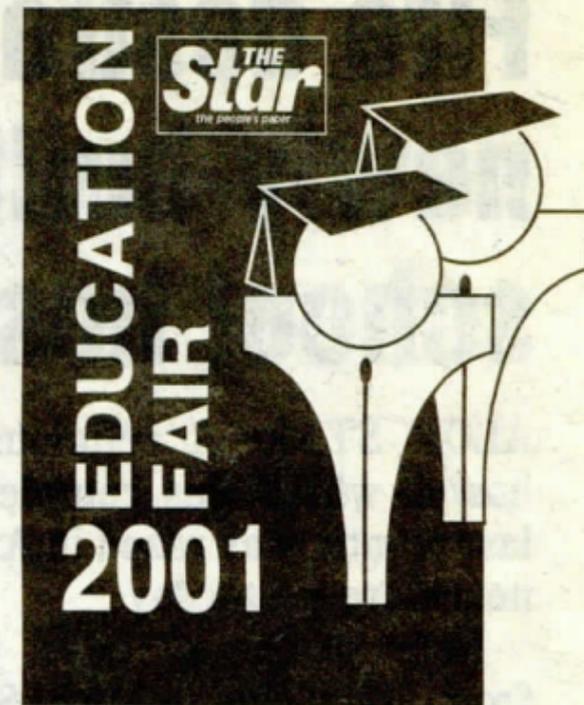
er at Sunway College and Intan Mastura Maulud, the marketing services manager of ACCA.

Speaking on a career in Banking and Finance, Lai gave the students a rundown on the types of careers open to graduates in this field.

"The market is very competitive and if you want to get into this sector with just your *Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia*, you

will only get a job as a clerk. With the STPM or a diploma, you will be at the level of an administrative assistant. You need a degree in Banking and Finance to get an executive level position," he said.

Intan Mastura suggested another route to being an accountant — getting a professional qualification in accountancy via the ACCA.



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