TWO foreign students stole the limelight at Sunway College's 20th Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) graduation ceremony recently.

Top CIMP student Levy Mulyati Liko, from Indonesia, was the recipient of two awards for achieving an average of 92.2 per cent in six Ontario Academic Courses (OAC).

She was presented the Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah Scholastic Award and the Monash Scholar Award in a ceremony attended by Acting Canadian High Commissioner to Malaysia Leslie A.K. James.

The Monash Scholar Award offers a full tuition fee waiver for undergraduate study at Monash University Malaysia valued at RM57,000 or RM9,500 per semester for six semesters (three years).

Another international student, Chen Xi Maria, from China, who scored an overall average of 92 per cent in six OAC, received the Programme Award. She will be furthering her studies at the National University of Singapore.

In addition, 18 students were awarded Certificates of Recognition for outstanding achievements and outstanding contributions to both CIMP and the Sunway College community.

She will be continuing her studies at the University of Technology, Sydney, Australia.

The ceremony also witnessed the presentation of the Canadian Governor-General's Medal award to Liu Chang for being the top graduating student of the July 2000/January 2001 semesters.

Liu, a former Sunway CIMP student who bagged last year's Monash University Scholarship Award, is currently pursuing a degree in computer science at Monash University Malaysia (MUM).

Among others present at the ceremony were Puan Sri Susan Cheah, exco of Sunway Group and wife of Sunway College Founder Tan Sri Dr Jeffrey Cheah; Elizabeth Lee, principal of Sunway College; Dr Khatijah Khalid, academic director of Sunway College; and professor Bob Bignall, pro vice-chancellor of MUM.

Established in 1990, the CIMP has given quality education and experience to more than 2,400 Sunway students.

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

Students who undertake CIMP graduate with the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) which allows them to enrol in universities in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States.

In addition to international recognition, students can also opt to further their studies in any one of the twinning programmes offered at Sunway College or pursue their degrees at the Monash University Malaysia.

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

For students with an adequate background, CIMP offers university preparatory course or OAC while those who need additional basic skills or knowledge are offered the foundation or pre-OAC leading to OAC.

The subjects in OAC are Accounting, English, History, Biology, Physics, Computer Studies, Geography (World Issues), Algebra and Geometry, Finite Mathematics, Families in Society, Economics, Law, Calculus and Chemistry.


Students need to successfully complete six subjects to graduate with the OSSD.

As mentioned earlier, the main attraction of this programme is its flexibility. It allows students to do a number of subjects with which they are comfortable with over one semester.

Students collect the number of subjects as they progress from one semester to the next till they pass the minimum of six subjects to graduate.

In helping to create well-rounded individuals, the CIMP is supported by a strong after-class programme which encourages students to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Graduates are also awarded Certificates of Recognition for Outstanding Leadership for their contributions to the students' council, Math or Peer Counsellors Clubs, sporting clubs such as football or basketball, and the programme's very own newspaper.

Staffed by a majority of Ontario-qualified teachers, the CIMP is regularly inspected by the Canadian Ministry of Education in Ontario to ensure that the programmes comply with guidelines and high academic standards.

There are two intakes each year, one in January and another in July. The next intake will be on July 12.

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