Sunway bags 14 NCC awards

MSC-status college shows why its graduates are much sought-after
STUDENTS of Sunway College won 14 out of 33 titles including the coveted Gold, Silver and Bronze awards for the degree level at the recent British NCC Education Awards ceremony.

The School of Information Technology and Multimedia's top student, Ng Seau Hooi, took home the Outstanding Student-Gold and Outstanding Subject-Object Oriented Analysis and Design awards.

Her coursemates, Cheong Kai Siang and Leong Sun May, received the Outstanding Student-Silver and Bronze awards, respectively.

The other Outstanding Subject award-winners from Sunway College were Goh Ching Ching, Lim Soo Heng, Wong Shiah Teen, Ong Cher Ching, Woo Siaw Tze, Nisha K. Vijain @ Vagaian, Wong Thean Chee, Richard Tan Yew Lock and Tan Kok Foong.

The college, a Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC)-status institution, prides itself in being a major provider of knowledge workers for the MSC and the IT industry through industry-driven courses.

With many partners in the IT industry, the School of IT and Multimedia offers a wide range of courses ranging from certificate right up to degree level courses.

On a basic level, the college conducts skills training courses lasting between one and six months.

The college is one of the Authorised Test Centres for the PC Competency Test, which gauges and evaluates a person's skills in general PC proficiency. It also conducts other IT courses such as Multimedia, Java Scripts & Programming and PC Engineering.

Under its skills training programmes, popular courses such as Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) are conducted.

With industry partners which include Sun Microsystems, Microsoft Press, UBS Sdn Bhd, Donovan Sdn Bhd, FACT Sdn Bhd, MIMOS, Oracle, Intranesis Communication Sdn Bhd and RQ Net Sdn Bhd, the college is able to conduct specialised industry-driven IT courses both full-time and part-time.

As an Authorised Java Centre (AJC) for Sun Microsystems Inc's Value-added Instructional Programme (VIP), the college also conducts Java courses such as web publishing with Hypertext Mark-up Language (HTML), Java Scripts, Java applets and Java programming.

The Java series of courses will prepare students for the prestigious Sun Certified Java Programmer and Sun Certified Developer certifications and examinations.

The School of IT and Multimedia also offers Microsoft's Authorised Academic Training Programme (AATP) via an agreement signed with Microsoft (M) Sdn Bhd and IEC Info-tech Sdn Bhd.

Sunway College is now recognised as a testing centre for Microsoft Office User Specialist (MOUS), Microsoft Certified Systems Engineers (MCSE) and Microsoft Certified Solution Developers (MCSD).

The college conducts MCSE and MCSD courses for Windows 2000. The MOUS and MCSD subjects have been incorporated into the college's curriculum since April this year.

The college's joint effort with IEC will offer high-end training courses in e-commerce, MCSE and MCSD.

For degree-level IT-related programmes, the college has teamed up with the National Computing Centre (NCC) and London Guildhall University, UK.

This special degree programme leads to a B.Sc. (Hons) in Computing and Information Systems awarded by the London Guildhall University.

The programme is similar to a 3+0 but is more attractive in the sense that students obtain three additional world-recognised diplomas upon completion of each level of their course.

Sunway College's Computing and IT courses via the NCC are created to meet industry's requirements, making them more user-driven rather than technology-driven.

This gives graduates a greater advantage when they seek employment.

Another recent development in the School of IT and Multimedia is the establishment of the Professional Development Unit (PDU).

This unit was set up to offer short-term certification and online courses. This includes MCSE, MCSD, Linux, E-Commerce, Oracle, Multimedia, Cold Fusion and other high-end courses. The PDU has its own teaching lab and administrative centre to oversee these courses.

Supporting all the courses at Sunway College are elaborate computing facilities which include eight computer laboratories for teaching and practical training. Each of these labs is equipped with 25 to 30 PCs, all linked to a network and the Internet.

The college has also invested in a Donovan Linux lab which is equipped with 20 Donovan servers making it the first among educational institutions in Malaysia to set up a 64-bit Linux computing lab.

For recreation and research purposes, Sunway students have access to a Multimedia Resource Centre which currently houses 113 multimedia PCs.

The college also places equal emphasis on various activities to help its students realise their full potential.

It encourages a healthy and balanced lifestyle that combines education with sports, social events and charity efforts.

For on-campus activities, the college boasts a multi-purpose hall, a multi-purpose field and courts for badminton, netball, basketball, volleyball and tennis.

Amenities in and around the college include a bookshop, launderette, convenience store, student centre, a student concourse and prayer rooms.

International students or those from outstation will be impressed with the college's accommodation facilities.

One of only a few private higher education institutions to offer such facilities, the college houses a comprehensive residential facility with 150 units of furnished hostel-apartments that can accommodate 1,188 students.

The campus in Bandar Sunway offers an academic block housing classrooms, lecture theatres, comprehensive first-class science and computer laboratories, and a language lab.

The college's pride is the Tun Hussein Onn Library, fully equipped with a Multimedia Resource Centre which has Internet access and CD-ROM facilities.

With a collection of 60,000 items covering every conceivable field of knowledge, the ultra-modern library is also linked to international databases and hundreds of electronic journal titles.

For more information, call Sunway College at (03)5635 8622 or fax (03)5635 8633. The college is also accessible on the Internet at www.sunway.edu.my.