Many pre-u courses at Sunway

Sunway College's pre-university courses offer students a variety of ways to enrol in prestigious foreign universities, writes R.V. VEERA.

SUNWAY College believes in producing well-rounded individuals who not only excel in their studies but also develop a sound understanding of the world.

In seeking to realise this, the college, which aims to be the country's premier higher education institution, is committed to excellence, offering a wide range of programmes, including pre-university courses.

It offers the Australian Matriculation Programme (AUSMAT); Cambridge Board GCE A level, Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) and Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme.

For students looking to enter universities in Australia and most universities in Britain, Canada, New Zealand, the United States or even Malaysia, the way to go would be with AUSMAT.

The Tertiary Entrance Score subjects offered by Sunway are examined in the Tertiary Entrance Examinations, which are public examinations conducted by the Western Australian Government through its representative body, the Curriculum Council, in Perth.

To graduate with the Western Australia Certificate of Education, students need to complete English or English as a Second Language and four other subjects.

Subject options include: economics, advanced Malay, advanced Chinese, modern world history, accounting, chemistry, human biology, discrete mathematics, applied mathematics, calculus, and physics.

One of the most widely recognised pre-university qualifications offered at Sunway is the Cambridge Board GCE A level.

Its subjects include accounting, economics, law, mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, further mathematics, history, general paper and English.

For the June A-level examinations, Sunway students achieved 100 per cent passes with close to 60 per cent obtaining at least one A and the top 10 per cent scoring 4 As.

Meanwhile, the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) offers the flexibility of a part work, part examination-based course.

Students who successfully undertake the programme graduate with the Ontario Secondary School Diploma and may enrol in universities in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, Britain and the US.

They can also opt for any one of the twinning programmes offered at Sunway or pursue their degree at Monash University Malaysia.

The CIMP, approved by Ministry of Education, offers two types of courses: university preparatory or Ontario Academic Courses (OAC).

The subjects offered by the OAC are: accounting, English, modern western civilisation (history), biology, physics, computer studies, geography (world issues), algebra and geometry, finite mathematics, families in society, economics, law, calculus and chemistry.

The pre-OAC courses offered are: English as second language, computer fundamentals, mathematics and foundation science.

The CIMP graduation ceremony this year saw 160 students receiving their diplomas, out of which 30 students received certificates with honours and three with distinctions, while 18 students were awarded Certificates of Recognition for outstanding leadership.

The CIMP has intakes in January and July. The next intake will be on Jan 10.

The final course in Sunway's list of pre-university courses is the Monash University Foundation Year, which prepares students for entry into undergraduate courses at Monash and Australian universities.

Students of this one-year full-time course are guaranteed placement in the undergraduate course of their choice at Monash University.

Subjects offered are English, mathematics A, mathematics B, chemistry, physics, biology, accounting, economics and computer science.

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