Sunway’s Australian link

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THE Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme is ideal for students who have their mind set on getting an Australian tertiary education.

The programme prepares international students for entry into the undergraduate programmes at Monash and universities around Australia. In Malaysia, the MUFY programme is taught by Sunway College on behalf of the university.

With MUFY, Malaysian school-leavers as well as their foreign counterparts are guaranteed entry requirements are met.

"Sunway College is the only college in Malaysia designated by Monash to offer their MUFY programme," said college principal Elizabeth Lee.

"The curriculum of the programme is approved and monitored by Monash to ensure appropriate preparation for the student’s intended undergraduate studies," Lee added.

The MUFY programme has an enviable record of success. MUFY students have achieved better results than students who have qualified through other pre-university programmes.

Subjects offered in the MUFY are English, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Economics and Computer Science.

The MUFY programme has intakes in April and September which provide timely links between the completion of study here and the commencement of university studies in the following year of Australian universities.

Students undergoing the April intake programme are required to take compulsory subjects in English and Mathematics A and may select another two choice subjects from Accounting, Economics, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics B.

MUFY programme director Adawiah Norli said: "The MUFY programme uses two forms of assessments - these are coursework and final examination.

"The major component of assessment is the final examination, which comprises between 40 and 60 per cent of the final result depending on the subject."

To gain admission into the MUFY programme, applicants must meet both the academic and English language requirements.

The minimum admission criteria for MUFY are five strong credits in the academic subjects in Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia, MISC85 Senior Middle II with C average, Singapore and Brunei GCE O-level with five strong credits, Australian Year II with C average, Indonesian SMU II with grade eight average, China GAO ER with 60 per cent average, Hong Kong HK CE with five C average in academic subjects, Korea Senior High School II with B grade average or Taiwan Senior Secondary Year 3 with three B grade average.

The English language proficiency may be demonstrated by providing evidence of satisfactory performance in an approved English test such as International English Language Testing Service with score of 5.5 on the Test of English as a Foreign Language with minimum score of 525 or the Cambridge O-level English with a minimum of C6.

The tuition fee for MUFY is RM6,000 per semester and the programme runs for two semesters.

Other internationally recognised pre-university courses offered at Sunway are the Cambridge A-Level, Canadian International Matriculation Programme and Australian Matriculation Programme.

Sunway also conducts professional, IT, hospitality, financial, 3+0 full degree and twinning degrees as well as masters programmes in information technology.

In support of the academic programmes, there are comprehensive purpose-built academic facilities such as the Tun Hussein Onn Library which is equipped with state-of-the-art electronic systems.

The library houses a multimedia resource centre with its up-to-date equipment that includes Internet access and CD-ROM facilities.

Another important support available is the Student Services Department, where students’ welfare is taken care of.

Throughout the year, the department organises educational talks, social and cultural activities, community or welfare projects, student leaders’ training, media and publication as well as sporting activities.

In providing students with a well-rounded education, the college is one of the few private institutions to offer complete sporting activities.

This includes a full-sized multi-purpose field, table-tennis, as well as courts for tennis, basketball, netball, volleyball and badminton.

In addition to the various special activities organised by the Student Services Department, there are also 40 active societies and clubs at the college.

On-campus accommodation are also available, with priority given to those from outstation or overseas.

These apartment-style units can house over 1,150 students - each is a three/two-bedroom with a lounge, dining area and a kitchenette complete with a refrigerator.

Also available are rooms, apartments and houses for rent within a 15-minute walking distance from the campus.

There are also other amenities in and around the college, such as a launderette, convenience store, surau, bookshop, study room and cafeteria.

The college will be having an Open Day on April 2. Students and parents are invited to meet with counsellors and academic staff who will give insights to the courses and college life.

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