Deal for two qualifications

Special arrangement benefits Sunway students

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SEVEN Sunway College students are keeping their fingers crossed. They hope to be the first in Malaysia to achieve the BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting from the Oxford Brookes University.

The outcome of their hard work and commitment will be known on Dec 18 when the university releases the results.

An agreement between ACCA and Oxford Brookes University was forged this year to allow students to be awarded the BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting while pursuing the final part of the ACCA.

This innovative arrangement has enabled students to study simultaneously for a professional qualification and an Oxford Brookes University degree.

Students will be eligible for the degree upon completion of the first and second parts of the new ACCA syllabus (first examination to be held in December 2001), or an equivalent of the old syllabus.

"Sunway College is poised to take on the challenges of this new alliance as the college has the state-of-the-art Tun Hussein Onn library with more than adequate resources to support the preparation of the Research and Analysis Project," said Teo Ee Sing, director of Financial courses at Sunway College.

The Financial Courses Division will conduct a briefing for the second batch of students interested to submit their applications to Oxford Brookes University at 9.30am on Dec 20 at the college.

The second intake is open to Sunway students as well as other ACCA students.

The fees for the Research and Analysis Project is RM2,200 excluding £50 application fee charged by Oxford Brookes University.

For further information, call Lee Chee Loong/Cik Julianna/Margaret/Florence Yong at 03-7310845/7358622.

Sunway College provides a range of other professional courses under the Association of Business Executives (ABE), Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM) programmes, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) and ACCA.

The ABE programme is a popular Business course among those who are uncertain as to whether they would like to pursue a diploma or a degree programme.

Northwood University in the US also accepts advanced diploma holders from Sunway for direct entry into the third year of its Bachelor of Management or Marketing programmes.

The Chartered Institute of Marketing is also a popular course among Malaysian students as they can achieve a postgraduate diploma within two years.

For the LCCI Group diplomas and certificates, the college offers majors in Advertising, Marketing and Accounting.

The programme is conducted over a duration of eight to 10 months.

Sunway College, the first in the world to conduct the computer-based Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) Level A examinations, has to date, maintained a pass rate of more than 95 per cent.

The CAT programme is a vocational qualification designed by the Association of Certified Chartered Accountants.

Registration is open now for the Jan 8 intake for professional courses.

Sunway College is also inviting parents and students to its Open Day today to find out more on other educational opportunities available.