Good choices of pre-university courses at Sunway College

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Students should always prepare themselves well in their quest for tertiary qualification. Realising that each student has individual needs, Sunway College offers pre-university programmes.

The programmes are Monash University Foundation Year (MUFY) programme, Australian Matriculation Programme, Cambridge Board's GCE A-Level programme, and Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP).

The MUFY prepares students for entry into undergraduate courses at Australian universities. Sunway is the only college in Malaysia designated by Monash University to offer their MUFY programme. MUFY's one-year full-time programme. Subjects under the programme are English, Mathematics A, Mathematics B, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Accounting, Economics and Computer Science. The programme has intakes in February, April and August.

At its second graduation ceremony held recently, Prof Robert Bignall, pro vice-chancellor of Monash University Malaysia announced the winner of the university's Special Entrance Scholarship to top MUFY student, Pui Han Pin. The scholarship covers full tuition fee for a degree programme at the university's campus in Malaysia.

The Australian Matriculation Programme is especially for students looking to enrol into universities in Australia and most universities in Britain, Canada, New Zealand, US or even local universities.

Another widely recognised qualifications is the Cambridge Board's GCE A-Level programme. This course offers students subjects like Accounting, Economics, Law, Mathematics, Management of Business, Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Further Mathematics, History, General Paper and English.

The A-Level qualification is popular amongst students as it is internationally accepted for entry into universities and professional courses in Britain, US, Australia, New Zealand, India and Singapore.

For students looking for a change of pace in their education, the Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) offers the flexibility of part course-work, part examination-based course.

Started in 1990, the programme is identical to those offered by secondary schools in Ontario, Canada.

The CIMP, which is approved by Malaysia's Ministry of Education, offers two courses – the CIMP university preparatory or Ontario Academic Courses (OAC) and the pre-OAC subjects leading to OAC.

Among the subjects offered are Accounting, English, History, Biology, Physics, Computer Studies, and Chemistry.

The CIMP offers two intakes each year, one in January and another in July.

The college is open for counselling every day till January 7 from 9am to 5pm on Mondays to Saturdays and from 10am to 4pm on Sundays and Public Holidays, except on New Year's Day.