Pre-U courses
best at Sunway

By Tina Melan

WITH an excellent track record spanning over a decade, Sunway College, has been offering pre-university courses since 1988. One of the most widely recognised pre-university qualification available at the college is the Cambridge Board’s GCE or A-Levels.

To date, more than 5,000 students have graduated from the Sunway's A-Level programme. Sunway's A-Level students have been identified by prestigious universities worldwide as prospective undergraduates.

And these students’ results prove that they are of world-class standard.

Sunway's Rachel Gong and Nathaniel Tan recently left for Princeton University and Harvard University respectively to pursue their degrees.

Rachel, who received an unconditional offer from Princeton to pursue her degree in Chemical Engineering was at the same time offered a place at Girton University to read Physical Science.

Gong attributes her success to her lecturers’ assistance and support, her parents’ love and guidance, as well as “God’s grace”.

“At Sunway, I have dedicated lecturers who take the time to interact with me outside classes. They constantly strive at encouraging me and motivating me to work harder, said the former Methodist College student.

Among the factors that contribute to such academic excellence is the implementation of the unique “mentor-mentee” programme. A student is assigned to a lecturer who will act as a mentor to them.

“The programme has received an excellent response from lecturers and students,” said A-level programme director Hor Poh Choo.

“Every week, the mentor spends at least 30 minutes with the mentee to have a frank discussion on things, academic or otherwise. There are many students who are from outstation and do not have anyone here that they can relate their problems and joys to.

“The programme gives them this someone ... someone who keeps an eye on their progress in college and who they can turn to for assistance,” Hor said.

Another main aim of the programme is preparing students for their university years. Students are given the solid foundation that they need for degree studies.

In terms of philosophy, Sunway College has always believed in producing well-rounded individuals who not only excel academically but also has a sound understanding of the world around them.

In this respect, the Student Services Department at Sunway College together with its Students Council, ALCOM (A-Level Committee), and more than 35 Clubs and Societies, will actively organise community projects, motivational seminars, leadership workshops and outdoor activities.

Games and tournaments, environmental, health and educational talks for the benefit of the students will also be held.

“We believe in doing our best to nuture our students into well-rounded individuals who will be able to adapt themselves to the society at large in the future, said Hor.

The 18-month programme currently has 500 students taught by a staff of 26 professionals. An Open Day will be held at the Sunway campus on Dec 12 between 9am and 6pm.

Happiness is being accepted at Princeton ... Gong (left) receiving a hug from Hor after receiving the offer to study at Princeton recently.