Competitively-priced twinning programmes at Sunway

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ALTHOUGH there should be no compromise when it comes to access to tertiary education, a good education sometimes gets sacrificed because of its high cost. These days, however, students have a variety of options to choose from when it comes to furthering their education - at half the cost - thanks to twinning programmes conducted by private colleges.

And Sunway College/University of Greenwich's twinning degree programmes in Estate Management, Quantity Surveying and Building Surveying are just one option. For the Estate Management and Quantity Surveying programmes, students spend two years at Sunway and a year at the University of Greenwich in Britain. The total cost is approximately RM120,000.

A full three years at the University of Greenwich would cost students approximately RM212,000.

Programme director for Sunway College/University of Greenwich twinning programmes, Anthony Kelly said graduates could expect good employment opportunities upon the completion of their degree programmes. This is because both institutions are recognised in their own right.

During the first year for all three courses, students will be taught the same subjects like Construction Technology and Design, Communications & Legal Studies and Finance.

In the second year, the common subjects include Construction Technology and Maintenance and Land Economics and Planning.

For the final year, the subjects depend on the area of specialisation.

Sunway College is a non-profit organisation, formalised by its Trust Fund in 1997. All profits from the college will be transferred for the benefit of the college and its students.

The University of Greenwich was established in London more than 100 years ago and currently has a student population in excess of 17,000 at its four campuses located in South London and Kent.

Sunway College students taking courses under the twinning arrangement have a competitive edge over others because the university's teaching staff are property and construction professionals with a vast amount of work experience. Most of them are involved in research and consultancy work in Britain, Europe, the Far East and the United States.

During the first two years at Sunway and the final year at Greenwich, subject tutors and specialists will be assigned to individual students at each stage of the course to deal with any problems. Those interested in any of the programmes should possess Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM), A-level or their equivalent qualifications. The next intake is next month.

For next month's intake, Sunway College allows direct entry into the second year for students with the required qualifications. Scholarships are available while a five per cent reduction on fees is given for students paying in full when they register.

FOR THE PEOPLE: All profits are ploughed back into the college for the benefit of the students

KELLY: Good employment opportunities for graduates

MAXIMISING POTENTIAL: Sunway students receiving practical training in surveying