Sunway – your ideal way to an IT degree

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Sunway College's School of IT and Multimedia Studies offers a special degree programme through the National Computing Centre (NCC) in Computing and Information Systems which leads to a BSc (Hons) in Computing and Information Systems which is awarded by the London Guildhall University.

School-leavers with SPM qualifications can enter the diploma level of the course and then opt for a career in IT or choose to further their studies in a related area. Upon completion of the course they will be awarded the NCC International Diploma in Computer Studies (IDCS).

One advantage of this programme is the award of a recognised qualification after the successful completion of each year of study. Students who qualify for the Diploma in Computer Studies can immediately look forward to become programmers in IT-related industries.

This course is also open to students from Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary Schools (MICSS) and mature students. Those who do not meet the requirements for the diploma course can take up the Basic Certificate in Information Technology or the Advanced Certificate in Information Technology depending on their qualifications.

Upon completion of the IDCS, students can then study for the Advanced Diploma which prepares them to participate in the analysis and development of computer-based systems.

IAD graduates have good employment opportunities in IT-based organisations and are mostly employed as analysts or business systems analysts. Final year students can look forward to careers as business analysts, project managers, software managers, technical consultants or systems administrators.

After passing the IAD, students then progress to the final year of the NCC Graduate Diploma in Computing & Information Systems (DCIS).

At this stage, the students are required to produce a thesis which will qualify them for a BSc (Hons) degree in Computing and Information Systems from Britain's London Guildhall University.

Having achieved MSC status for providing quality IT education, Sunway College is now gearing itself towards becoming a major provider of knowledge workers for the MSC through its industry-driven courses.

Principal of Sunway College, Elizabeth Lee said: “Our access to research and development grants will enable us to play a positive role in supporting the MSC in a variety of positive ways.”

“Besides enabling the college to work with world-class organisations, the MSC status will assist us in getting international input. Our students will benefit through their broader research exposure,” Lee said.

Other programmes offered by Sunway College include Basic and Advanced Certificates in PC Competency, Certificate in Internet and Multimedia, Certificate in PC Engineering and Certificate in Java.

These courses offer subjects such as PC Appreciation, MS-Windows, MS-Work, MS-Excel, MS-Powerpoint, MS-Access, PC Engineering, Java Script and Java Programming.

Sunway College offers two areas of specialisation in their Diploma in IT courses – Software Development and Business and Accounting.

The Diploma in IT courses may be taken on a full-time and part-time basis. Upon the successful completion of the programme students will receive a diploma from the British Institute of Commercial Management (ICM). With this qualification, they can enrol for the IDCS.

Sunway College was recently appointed as an Authorised Java Training Centre (AJTC) for the Value-Added Instructional Programme (VIP) by Sun Microsystems and with this collaboration, Java courses will be incorporated into the diploma and degree programmes.

Sunway College's partnership with Western Michigan University (WMU) and Victoria University of Technology (VUT) also provides students with the opportunity to major in IT-related subjects.

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