College's twinning programmes provide that competitive edge

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STUDENTS interested in taking twinning programmes with a leading British university can turn to Sunway College for an Honours degree in Building Surveying, Estate Management and Quantity Surveying.

Sunway College is associated with the University of Greenwich in Britain and offers 2+1 degree programmes in Estate Management and Quantity Surveying.

For Building Surveying, students will complete the first year at Sunway and the remaining two years at Greenwich.

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

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

For the final year, the subjects taken at the University of Greenwich will be completely different for all the three courses as students will be required to specialise according to their chosen field of study.

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

Its Faculty of Environment has three schools offering these degree programmes. They are the School of Land and Construction Management, School of Architecture and Landscape and School of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

The university is proud that it has been awarded high ratings to conduct these courses.

In March 1997, the university was given an 'excellent' rating by the Higher Education Funding Council of England (HEFCE).

It obtained an overall score of 21 points for Civil Engineering and Building and Land & Property Management out of a possible 24.

This means that the courses offered are stimulating, up-to-date and designed to provide better opportunities to develop and maximise a student's potential.

Sunway College students taking these courses have a competitive edge over others because the university's teaching staff are property and construction professionals.

Most of them are involved in research and consultancy work in Britain, Europe, the Far East and the United States.

They maintain their links with the industry through the university's faculty business centre as well as through individual contacts and links with the main professional bodies.

An important feature of the course is the caring attitude of the lecturers who show great interest the welfare of the students.

Their aim is to ensure the students obtain the degree they want, besides helping them to overcome personal issues. They are also given advice for career advancement.

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DURING the first two years at Sunway and the final year at Greenwich, subject tutors and specialists will be assigned to students at each stage of the course to deal with students' problems.

Surveying professionals with any of the three qualifications have good employment opportunities in private consultancy, construction organisations, commercial corporations and Government departments.

Building surveyors are usually employed by these sectors to design and manage the work involved in refurbishing large buildings.

A career in estate management requires one to negotiate the sale and purchase of property, including offering advice on all forms of development at every stage from acquisition, design and construction to marketing and disposal.

Quantity surveyors provide a range of services including cost advice, cost forecasting, cost control and the financial management of construction projects from start to finish. They can hope to be employed in a wide-range of lucrative positions.

The entry requirement for the courses is STPM, A-levels or their equivalent. The next intake is next month.

For next month's intake, Sunway College allows direct entry into Second Year provided the applicants have the necessary qualifications.

Students taking these twinning programmes with the University of Greenwich can also apply for scholarships. Self-funding students are also given a five per cent reduction on fees on the condition they pay the fees in full at the time of registration.

Those requiring further information on the courses should call 03-7358622 or fax: 03-7358633.