Holistic approach to guarantee success

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HAVING excellent teaching facilities does not guarantee good academic results as a college also need to have a holistic approach and students support system to guide students.

Having such a system in place is one of the factors that have contributed to Sunway College's academic successes.

These successes include four straight distinctions in the recent A-levels examinations for three students. Jasmine Ling won a place in Cambridge University while two other 4A students, Lim Chuan Woei and Tan Kar Tean, places in Imperial College and Southampton University, respectively.

Fourteen students in the NCC three-year honours degree programme scored distinctions in their first year NCC International Diploma examination.

Two students of professional courses, Kua Yah Ying (Association of Business Executives) and Yong Chee Keong (Association of Chartered and Certified Accountant) scored best-in-the-world results in one of their examination papers.

Eighteen Sunway twinning students also graduated from the Leicester University last July with first class honours in Engineering, adding their names to the list of students who have done the college proud.

The college has come up with several procedures and methods to ensure the students' success, said Sunway College principal Elizabeth Lee.

She said students were first counselled on their plans and careers that they were interested in.

The counsellors then draw up a rough plan of how the student can gain the qualification needed for the career chosen.

Students with poor English are given classes to improve their language skills.

Lectures on study skills and personal development are also held.

Regular tests are conducted to gauge the progress of students and remedial classes are organised to ensure that no student lags behind.

Mid-semester reports are sent to parents to keep them posted on their children's studies.

A Parents Day is also held where parents and their children are invited to speak to the lecturers to get updates on the students' education and any changes that may affect their plans.

Lee said the college also had the benefit of having a dedicated, full-time, teaching staff.