Well-recognised matriculation qualification

THE one-year Canadian Matriculation Programme offered by Sunway College is ideal for school-leavers keen to pursue tertiary studies overseas as it is accepted by international universities.

The programme is equivalent to the pre-university courses offered by secondary schools in Ontario.

Since its introduction in 1990, more than 2,000 students have used it to gain entry into international universities.

There are two intakes each year, in January and July. The next intake is now on.

Currently, Sunway offers two types of courses under the programme. One is the Ontario Academic Course (OAC) or university preparatory programme and the other the foundation course or pre-OAC.

The fee for the programme is RM1,300 per subject for each semester.

Subjects offered under the OAC include Accounting, Economics, Law, Computer Studies, English, Geography, Calculus, Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The pre-OAC offers subjects like English as a Second Language, Computer Fundamentals and Mathematics.

The programme's major attraction is its flexibility which allows students to do a number of subjects which they are comfortable with over one semester.

They are allowed to accumulate instead of subjects until they pass a minimum of six subjects.

Upon successful completion of six OAC subjects, students receive the Ontario Secondary Schools Diploma (OSSD).

"Our pre-university programme has a graduation rate of more than 90 per cent and our students have no problem being accepted by international universities to do degree courses," Sunway College's Canadian Matriculation Programme director John Futa said.

Futa said: "The OSSD is a highly recognised pre-university qualification that allows students to pursue their higher education in universities in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States."

Besides preparing students for entry into universities, the programme also grooms them with skills to make them well-rounded individuals.

Every year, selected graduates receive Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Leadership through their contributions to the Students' Council, sporting events and the programme's in-house newspaper.

Students can also further their studies through the twinning programmes offered by Sunway College.

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