THE prospects for a career in the field of Information Technology are indeed bright as its role is expected to extend into almost every field in the future.

Strong demand is expected for people with the knowledge of both computer software or hardware.

Students eager to take up this field have many choices of colleges that offer a wide range of courses, some are just single IT courses such as programming while others are combination subjects like management and IT.

The Sunway College is offering students a special degree route in collaboration with the National Computing Centre which leads to a honours degree from the London Guildhall University in the UK.

Sunway is one of the first to offer the programme locally, ideal for those with Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia/O-levels/Malaysian Independent Chinese Secondary Schools qualifications.

Students with these qualifications must first enter into the one-year NCC International Diploma in Computer Science course which is a foundation course that will prepare the students for the second and third years of the course.

Those who do not qualify for the diploma course can take up the Basic Certificate in Information Technology, Advanced Certificate in Information Technology or Pre-Diploma in Information Technology course, depending on their qualification.

Next stage is the International Higher Diploma course which also takes one year to complete.

At this stage, the students will analyse computer based systems and their development.

The third year of the course will see students sitting for the International Graduate Diploma in examinations where upon successful completion of a thesis, the students will receive the BSc (Hons) Computing and Information Systems degree.

“The degree route has also been structured in such a way that the students get a qualification for every stage of the course that they complete,” says the principal of Sunway College, Elizabeth Lee.

Lee adds that the contents of the degree course are also user driven instead of technology driven, which is another advantage when they seek employment because the students are able to immediately apply what they learn to the working environment.

Graduates of the full-degree course will be able to get jobs as business analysts, project managers, software managers, technical consultants and systems administrators.

Alternatively, the college also offers twinning courses with the Western Michigan University and the Victoria University of Technology which offer students various majors.

The college also offers a number of short courses in Information Technology for those who just want to study a specific subject or learn a specific skill.

There are short 10-14 hour courses, three months, six months and nine months courses in various applications of IT in the business environment.

For more information, please call 03-7358622 or fax 03-7358633 or visit the college’s website at www.sunwayk.edu.my.

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