Sunway girl gains entry to Cambridge

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The 11-year-old tradition of excellence at Sunway College continues with the latest achievement being that of Jasmine Ling Ping Hsia, the first student from the college to gain entry into Cambridge University in the United Kingdom.

Ping Hsia, 19, is one of three students who scored four As in the November 1997 A-level examinations. The others are Lim Chuan Woei and Tan Kar Tean.

Ping Hsia said among the factors that contributed greatly to her success were the excellent lecturers and campus environment.

"Staying on campus also helped me because the facilities are good and the environment is very conducive for learning," said Ping Hsia who is a resident of the college's hostel.

Chuan Woei, who will be continuing his education in Electrical and Electronic Engineering at the Imperial College in London, said the well-equipped laboratory facilities at the college helped him achieve his outstanding results.

Four Sunway College students also scored pass percentages that were higher than their Australian counterparts.

The college has increased the number of its foreign partners.

It now has twinning arrangements with eight universities. They are in Australia: Monash University in Melbourne, University of Western Australia in Perth, Flinders University in Adelaide and Victoria University of Technology in Melbourne.

In the United States, the college has tied up with Western Michigan University and in New Zealand, the University of Waikato.

The college’s partners in Britain are the University of Greenwich and Leicester University.

The college has also signed up with the Leicester-Loughborough-Nottingham consortium of universities that will give Sunway students more choices of disciplines at any one of the three universities.

The college also offers pre-university courses to prepare students for degree level programmes. They are the A-level, the Canadian Matriculation programme and the Australian Matriculation programme. Students keen on Engineering can also enrol for the Engineering foundation year that allows entry into the Leicester University's Engineering course.

For those looking for professional qualifications, the college offers the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators, and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry courses.

Other professional courses offered are Association of Business Executives, Chartered Institute of Marketing, Diploma in Executive Secretaryship and the National Computing Centre programme that leads to a BSc (Hons) in Computing and Information Systems from London Guildhall University.