PETALING JAYA: Sunway College has announced its intentions of becoming one of the first few local private education centres to apply for Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC) status.

According to Multimedia Development Corporation vice-president Datuk V. Danapalan, Sunway College is currently in the forefront of private institutions applying for the status.

“We currently have applications from three other institutions and we expect to receive more by early next year,” he added.

So far, he said, only two institutions have been awarded MSC status — NIIT (National Institute of Information Technology) and Apiit (Asia Pacific Institute of Information Technology).

“Sunway College has fulfilled all the necessary requirements,” Danapalan told reporters after launching the college’s IT Week recently.

He said it was important for the local institutions to produce quality IT workers for the success of the MSC and the IT industry as a whole.

“With the country facing a shortage of locally trained IT workers, it is important for institutions of higher learning to provide more multimedia related diploma or degree courses,” he said.

According to Sunway College executive director Datuk R.V. Navaratnam, getting MSC status would be in line with the college’s IT education growth plans, as it offers many incentives.

“The financial and other benefits will be of great help in enabling us to further enhance our IT education courses,” he said.

Sunway College’s IT Week, held on Aug 15-19, was targeted at helping school counsellors and IT teachers provide better counselling and advice about IT and the relevant courses associated with it. - P. ANGELINA