There are many people who, when you talk about the construction industry, think only about architects, supervisors, machine operators and Indonesian workers.

They are not aware of other excellent career opportunities in this sector. Career opportunities range from designing buildings, constructing them and beautifying them to maintaining them.

Educational opportunities for a career in these fields are also available.

Sunway College in Bandar Sunway offers a twinning course with the University of Greenwich leading to degrees in Building Surveying, Estate Management and Quantity Surveying.

The arrangement allows students who take up the degree in Estate Management and Quantity Surveying to study the initial two years of the course at Sunway College and the remainder at the university. Students who take up the Building Surveying course, however, will spend one year at the college and the remainder two at the university's School of Land and Construction Management.

The school has been rated excellent by the Higher Education Funding Council of England during its last quality assessment.

The HEFCE, which allocates funding for universities, also gave the school's Housing, Landscape and Architecture courses a perfect score of 24 points.

Other areas that were also looked at during the assessment were content and organisation; teaching, learning and assessment; student progression and achievement; student support and guidance; learning resources; and quality assurance and enhancement.

The coursework is the same as that for students in Britain and academic standards are monitored by a resident director.

Frequent visits are also made by lecturers from the university.

There are two intakes a year, in January and September.

The programme also offers direct entry into its second year. This means that those who have completed their first year at other institutions can proceed into the second year at the college and spend just one year abroad.

In addition to the twinning programme with University of Greenwich, the college also offers twinning arrangements with the Western Michigan University in the United States, Victoria University of Technology in Australia and a Leicester University-led consortium of universities in Britain.

Foundation courses available are A-level and the Australian and Canadian Matriculation programmes.

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