Sunway College to offer Java courses

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SUNWAY College will incorporate Java-related courses in its Computer Science programme in the next academic intake, with its appointment as the third Authorised Java Training Centre (AJTC) in Malaysia by Sun Microsystems Malaysia Sdn Bhd.

The move will enable the college to produce professionals who are highly skilled in the Java operating system environment, the Internet and multimedia.

The courses, which will be conducted under Sun’s Value-added Instructional Programme (VIP), include: publishing with hypertext markup language (HTML), Java Script, Java applets, Java programming and Java workshop.

According to Sunway College’s director of computing studies Arulrajah, the Java series of courses will be offered to between 700 and 800 students who are currently pursuing Computer Science at different levels.

He said the courses will be conducted within the college’s existing main curriculum of its Diploma, Advanced Diploma or Degree courses in information technology (IT).

“The curriculum is being developed for the Java Certified Java Programmer and Sun Certified Developer examinations and, upon successful completion, will be awarded the Sunway College-Sun Certified Java Programmer status certified by Sun Microsystems.

“By the end of next month there will be four lecturers certified in Java to conduct the courses and the plan is to increase that to between six and eight Java certified trainers by the end of next year,” he added.

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Done deal: Kwok (left) exchanging the documents with Lee.

Kanendran told Computimes in an interview after a signing ceremony between both parties in Petaling Jaya on Tuesday to mark the appointment.

At the event, Sunway College was represented by its director Lee Weng Keong while Sun Microsystems was represented by its director for educational services for Asia-Pacific/Latin America Dennis Kwok.

Java courses will be conducted at the college’s existing four computer laboratories which are equipped with a total of 250 workstations. Two of the laboratories are fully networked with more than 100 workstations solely for teaching purposes.

“The high demand has seen programmers and applications developers in Malaysia seeking training and certification in Java. Sun Educational Services’ aims to support the demand and offer quality Java training throughout the expansion of its network of AJTC’s throughout Malaysia,” he said, adding that for the time being the appointment of three is sufficient. The other two AJTCs are the Asia-Pacific Institute of Information Technology (APIIT) and HELP Institute Sdn Bhd.

According to Kwok, the selected organisations must pass stringent criteria which are based on the organisations’ technical expertise, teaching experience and training facilities.