PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT ... Students of computer studies using the full facilities of the Sunway College.

Sunway set to invest RM1.5mil in computers

SUNWAY College will be investing RM1.5 million over the next two years on new programmes and to boost its computerisation exercise to give support to Government's emphasis on IT education.

Director of Sunway College Lee Weng Keng avered that the investment was also to support the Sunway College's thrust into new programmes and Information Technology related courses.

"This is part of our contribution to give support to Government's IT drive," said Lee adding that the college had recently signed an agreement with JCL System for a RM350,000 new computerised educational management system software, hardware, networking and upgrading of old computers.

Lee said that apart from the educational thrust, IT will also assist the College in improving its quality and services to its customers.

The move would allow students administration, course registration and up-to-date billing to be easily accessible by the management. It will also be a stepping stone for the college to invest in its own multimedia lab in the future.

Currently the college is offering IT related courses like the National Computing Centre's (NCC) three-year programme leading to the BSc (Hons) in Computing and Information Systems from the London Guildhall University, which is ideal for SPM/O'levels/MICSS students keen in computer and information technology. The programme is also designed to offer a "special degree route" where the students could qualify to graduate with full BSc (Hons) within three years.

The unique feature of the programme is the valuable diplomas awarded by the NCC upon completion of each year which can be used for employment purposes.

Students holding SPM or O'Levels could enter the first year of the three-year course and be awarded the NCC International Diploma in Computer Studies (ICDS) upon completion of the first year.

MICSS and mature students are eligible for admission while those who might not fulfil the criteria will have to sit for a special NCC qualifying test.

Sunway College has twinning arrangements with Western Michigan University and the University of Western Australia which offers degree majors related to IT.

Sunway College also has a wide range of full time and part time professional courses for students who prefer to further their studies locally.

These include: Bachelor of Laws (External); from the University of London; Chartered Institute of Marketing (CIM); the Association of Business Executives (ABE); diploma in Executives Secretaryship (DES); LCCI, ACCA, CIMA and ICSA.

It also offers English Language courses. — By R.V. Veera