

Sunway finds a niche of its own

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Sunway College has etched a place for itself in the field of private higher education.

It established itself on the belief that higher education is vital to the progress of the nation.

"We must be mindful that education is not a product to be treated lightly as the future of our students is dependent upon its quality," said Datuk Jeffrey Cheah, Sunway's founder.

He added that the college has also responded to the government's call for private groups to support Malaysia's educational development.

Cheah said the college was a pioneer in offering twinning programmes and an approximate 4,000 students have graduated from these programmes with internationally recognised degrees.

When the college opened in 1987, a series of university level courses were offered.

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College Attitude programme which recognises its academically excellent students by giving them scholarships.

The scholarships cover all tuition fees for pre-university courses and half the fees for twinning degree courses.

Eight foreign universities currently have twinning arrangements with the college.

They are Leicester University, UK (law and engineering), University of Western Michigan (business administration, computer science, mass communications, engineering and applied and natural science), University of Waikato, New Zealand (management studies), Greenwhich University, UK (quantity surveying, building surveying and estate management), Victoria University of Technology, Melbourne (business programme, travel and tourism management, international trade, retail management, catering and hotel management and banking), University of



Students with their lecturers at a lab in Sunway College.

Western Australia (economics, law, computing, and computer and mathematical science) and Monash University, Melbourne and the Flinders University of South Australia which have excellent research facilities.

The pride of the college is its library which is spread over two floors. The campus comprises 60 lecture rooms, seven auditoriums, sports facilities and

computer laboratories with excess to Internet and CD ROM.

The second phase of its expansion project, both in terms of academic programmes and accommodation, has been implemented at a cost of RM 90 million.

"This demonstrates our commitment to meeting the ever-rising demand for higher education," Cheah said.

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