Twinning programme a success

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The twinning concept has allowed many Malaysian students who wish to pursue tertiary education in Britain to do part of their degree course locally first.

Sunway College together with Leicester University pride themselves as being the pioneer in establishing the first twinning link between a British University and a local private institution.

Their immense success has seen other partnerships being formed over the years.

While some have not met with the same rate of success, Sunway's twinning students are of the opinion that they have chosen the right route.

For final-year law student, Adrian Chair, the Leicester Law Programme at Sunway College provided a strong head start to his legal education.

"I believe I chose the best twinning degree programme available. At Sunway College, you get a wholesome and gratifying legal education, thanks to the efforts of its resident lecturers and those visiting from the Law Faculty of Leicester University," Adrian said.

His strong foundations gained in Sunway College led Adrian to win praise and admiration of his lecturers and Professors while at Leicester University.

Scoring an amazing 74 in his part one Finals, he won the prestigious 'Harvey Ingram' Company Law Award.

In European Community Law, one of the Faculty's specialized subjects, Adrian scored another first class mark of 70.

Former top student of Penang Free School, Khaw Thean San joined the Leicester University Foundation Course at Sunway College immediately after SPM.

"I would say that this Foundation programme is the best pre-University course that I could have chosen as it provides me with a solid background for my first year studies, " Thean San, who is the eldest in the family, chose to do the twinning programme at Sunway because it was great savings for the family.

"I am getting the same quality education here - why pay more? " he said.

His course mate, Peter Chin Kean Teong found out about the Engineering Twinning Programme with Leicester while he was doing his GCE 'A' Levels at Sunway.

Having scored straight A's in his GCE 'A' Level examinations, he chose the programme at Sunway because he believes that the standard is high.

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Last year, the top fourteen places in the first year Engineering course went to Sunway's twinning degree students.

One of them also topped the combined Leicester-Sunway Order of Merit.

Meanwhile, Kang Hiew Kuang and Angeline Pang Mei Mei chose fields of study which has always been dominated by men.

Currently doing their first year at Sunway College, Angeline chose to study Quantity Surveying while Hiew Kuang is doing Estate Management.

Angeline who finds Quantity Surveying studies quite challenging, has no regrets.

Hiew Kang on the other hand believes that the market lacks professionals in Estate Management and hopes to fill the gap.

UK-bound in October this year, they have no apprehensions about going there for the first time.

"Sunway arranges for us to go together in a big group and our Resident Director, who has been teaching us at Sunway College, will also be meeting us there," they said.

Sunway-Greenwich Twinning Degree programme offers courses which include Quantity Surveying, Estate Management and Building Surveying.