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Sunway trusted choice of students

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STUDENTS and parents are drawn to a particular college for a variety of reasons. "I trust Sunway College more than anyone else," says Kedahan H'ng Peik Slam.

Currently doing the Canadian Matriculation Programme at Sunway College, Poik Slam adds: "It is by far the most outstanding college in Malaysia".

Engineering student George Chin Shaw Jet agrees wholeheartedly with H'ng. "Sunway College is one of the most trusted of colleges," says Chin who was recommended to come to Sunway by his brother, for HUM. Sunway College won the degree student now at the Western Michigan University.

Aiming to become a Mechanical Engineer, Chin chose the Leicester University foundation course in Engineering at Sunway College.

"Sunway actually has a properly equipped engineering laboratory which is essential for degree studies in the subject while other colleges may only have some facilities for engineering courses but not the required equipment for even first year studies."

Enjoying the laboratory work involved in his course, he says: "It is important to learn the theory and do the practical work simultaneously - it helps us understand the theory learnt more effectively as we apply it in our practical sessions."

He cautions against the practice of leaving laboratory work till the end of the course.

"If practical and laboratory work are done later, certain parts of the theory taught may be forgotten and hence not learnt effectively."

Farrah Harith would not have chosen any other college, even if she were given another chance to do so. "All my friends who went elsewhere are so envious of my choice," says this former school prefect, currently on the Western Australian Matriculation (TEE) programme.

Doing well in both her studies and enjoying an active student life, Farrah says: "There is such a lively atmosphere here with things happening all the time."

Currently on the Student Council, she says she can always find time for student activities despite a demanding workload in her TEE programme.

Another student council member, Benjamin Chin returned from Singapore to join the Sunway College.

"At Sunway College, you can see that the money is really put in for the students' benefit," says Chin.

Having gone around to visit many colleges with his parents before settling on Sunway, he says: "The library itself is over two floors and is connected to Internet, which allows us access to a whole world of information."

Computer terminals scattered throughout the College Library also provide access to the On-Line Public Access Catalogue (Opac) which replaces the traditional card catalogue.

"We also have CD ROMS in the library and all our sports facilities are free," says Chin, an enthusiastic tennis player.

Former Sekolah Menengah Damansara Utama student, Mavis Ong is particularly impressed by her teachers. "They actually care about us and know us each by name," she says.

Having recently returned from the States on an exchange programme, Ong adds: "They notice if we're absent from a class and remind us about the importance of our studies, without nagging and they even know all the things we're up to, like we sang in the karaoke contest."

It is heartening to hear students speak so enthusiastically about their place of study. It isn't any wonder why Sunway College is the trusted choice.

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