

Sunway earns reputation of producing star students



PROUD MOMENT... Sunway College-Waikato University twinning degree programme excellent high achievers at the recent Dato' Jeffrey Cheah Scholastic Award ceremony.

SUNWAY College has carved out a success in producing quality students through its many twinning programmes.

Leicester University was the first British University to establish twinning links with a Malaysia institution more than eight years ago.

Its Law and Engineering twinning students at Sunway College have been consistently recognised for their academic excellence by being awarded the prestigious British High Commissioner's Award, which pays the full tuition fees for the students' degree studies when they transfer to the UK.

This year, Khaw Thean San received the award.

In recognition of its favoured and long standing partnership with the college, Leicester University gives, each year, 40 Special Law Entrance Awards worth RM1,755 each to the twinning students for Law studies.

Furthermore, these students only pay 85 per cent of the normal second and third year course fees when they transfer to Leicester, resulting in savings of over RM2,000 for each year.

Engineering students who successfully complete their first year in the Leicester twinning programme can opt to transfer to the University of Warwick to do Civil Engineering in the second and third year.

Pro-vice-chancellor of Leicester, Professor Alan Ponter reported during his recent visit to Sunway that the twinning students at the college "continue to produce excellent results and again Sunway students have topped the combined Sunway-Leicester Order of Merit in the Engineering Faculty this year".

These top scorers, Khaw Thean San and Ng Yun Keong, shared the Leicester University Engineers Association Prize for the Best Overall Performance in the first year of the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) degree course of Leicester University.

Sunway students have also made a name for themselves in the Western Michigan University in the USA. Sunway twinning student

Kathleen Sim has been named Presidential Scholar this year, the highest academic award given to a senior and sponsored by the President of WMU.

The college has established a track record for producing presidential scholars since 1991 when Audrey Chan May-Ling was the first Sunway presidential scholar followed by Wong Mei Leng in 1993.

The president of the University is so impressed with the quality of the academic achievements of their students through the twinning programme at Sunway that he is awarding nine academic scholarships to the top students transferring to WMU each year.

WMU is well known as being one of the US' biggest and best centres of learning, according to *US News and World Report* which placed it "in the major leagues of American Higher Education".

The university is also renowned for having the largest supercomputer of its kind and largest merit-based scholarship competition in Michigan.

At the recent Dato' Dr Jeffrey Cheah Scholastic awards presentation for the Waikato University programme, Sunway College had great cause to celebrate as they gave out seven Certificates of Excellence to the students in their first year twinning programme.

"We're absolutely delighted with the standard of the Sunway students who generally perform much better on average than our domestic students in New Zealand," said Professor Bruce Dixon, Director of the International School of Management Studies at Waikato.

Other recent prizes won by Sunway include the coveted "Quality through Partnership" awards by CIMA (UK), the first ever awarded to a college in South East Asia.

As Professor Leo West, the pro-vice-chancellor of Monash University said: "Sunway students are doing very well and everyone says that they are just terrific students."

That just about sums up the reputation of this institution.

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