

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

# Varsity celebrates Martin Luther King Jr Day

SUNWAY University's Centre for American Education (CAE) celebrated Martin Luther King Jr Day with its American Degree Transfer Programme (ADTP) staff members and students via a panel discussion on "Exploring Civil and Minority Rights".

Martin Luther King Jr Day is an American federal holiday, which falls on the third Monday of January each year, to commemorate the birthday of the African-American civil rights activist on Jan 15.

He is known for his campaigns to end racial segregation on public transport and for racial equality in the United States.

The cause against racism, such as on racial equality, is also advocated by Sunway University and pledged for #iSayNoWaytoRacism.

Sunway Education Group and Sunway University senior executive director Dr Elizabeth Lee praised CAE for promoting awareness about equality with the Martin Luther King Jr Day celebration.

For the panel discussion, the panelists included US embassy in Malaysia charge d'affaires Edgard Kagan; a visiting Fulbright Professor at Sunway University, Professor Brian Wilson from Western Michigan University; Sunway University Business School Law Department head Paul Linus Andrews; and North South Initiative executive director Adrian Pereira.

The discussion was moderated by Sunway University Vice-Chancellor Professor Graeme Wilkinson. He also moderated the question-and-answer session following panel discussion.

Kagan said Dr Martin Luther King Jr had changed the landscape of the US civil rights in a short period and that every American was proud to learn about his speech.

"This year, we are celebrating the 30th anniversary of the federal holiday in honour of Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

"He would have been 87 if he had not been not assassinated and were in good health," he said.

Martin Luther King Jr Day is one of many initiatives at CAE preparing ADTP students for their American education.

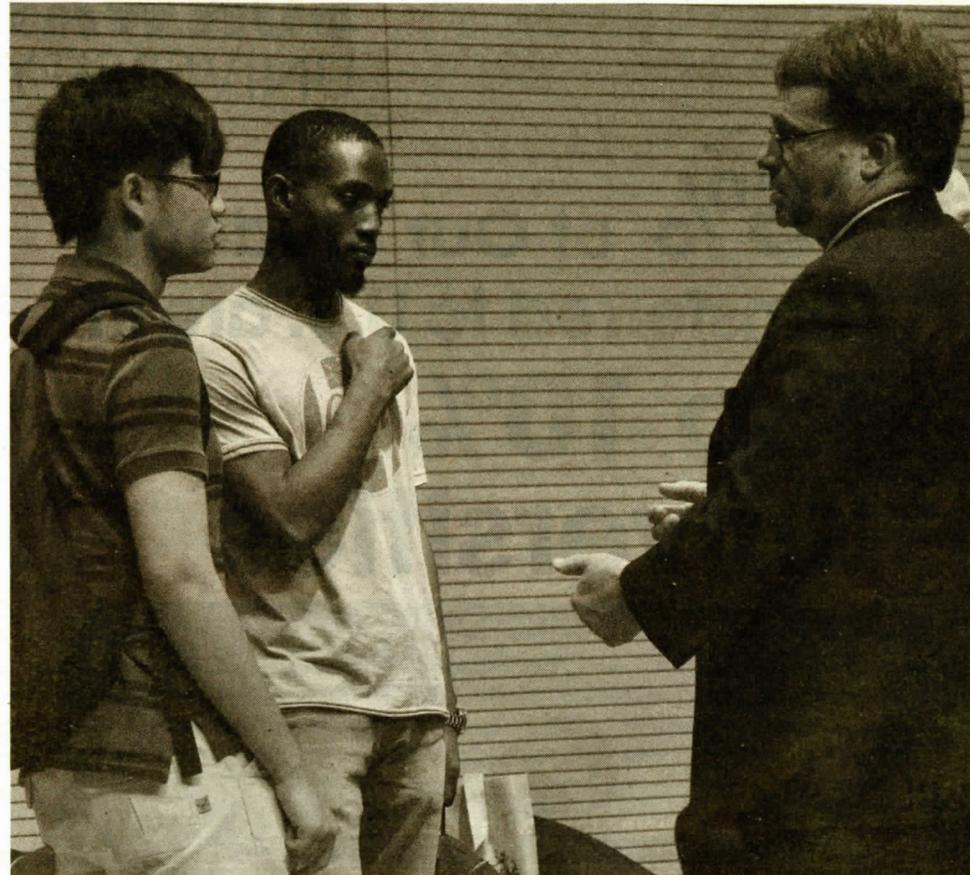
One of the students, Kai Wen Chew, 20, said the celebration opened students' minds to issues around the world and in the US.

Sunway University's ADTP at the CAE is a credit transfer programme widely accepted by American and Canadian universities.

It prepares ADTP students for an American degree, often saving almost half of the cost for their degree while obtaining the overseas exposure that many employers may be looking for.

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*Kagan said ... every American was proud to learn about (Martin Luther King Jr's) speech.*



*Sunway University's American Degree Transfer Programme students talking with US embassy in Malaysia charge d'affaires Edgard Kagan (right).*

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