

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Sunway's Canadian way

THE Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) is one of six pre-university programmes provided by Sunway College.

It offers a curriculum approved by the Ontario Education Ministry, where students are taught by some of the best teachers in the world, 80 per cent of them of which are Ontario-certified teachers.

Among them is John Berchmans Mackle, who is also the Sunway College CIMP director and Sunway International School (SIS) principal.

He has been in the education line for 38 years and has worked in Sunway since 2013.

"Sunway College has a progressive vision for education. The CIMP was established in the country 25 years ago while the SIS, since 2008," he said.

Mackle said it was the only grade 7 to grade 11 programme offering the Ontario curriculum in Malaysia.

"It will give families and students a choice from among the best education systems in the world."

The Ontario education system was recognised by McKinsey & Company researchers as among the best among English-speaking schools worldwide.

The Ontario-certified teachers at Sunway College are Canadian expatriates with a minimum of two degrees,

with at least one granted by an Education faculty among the various universities in Canada.

To remain members of the Ontario College of Teachers, they must recertify their qualifications annually, a testimony to their extensive training.

The extensive training includes effective classroom management approaches, the most recent research in assessment styles and a broad range of teaching and learning methods.

It also includes educational technology and strategies to motivate and to nurture leadership qualities among students.

To ensure that CIMP students are fully equipped with necessary academic and interpersonal skills required in the globalised world, a thorough teacher preparation and ongoing in-service requirements are in-line with the latest Ontario policy and programme revisions.

This is coupled with the teachers' dedication to building good relationships with students through daily counselling, and by encouraging them to participate in co-curricular activities.

The programme is a seamless transition from secondary to tertiary education, where students are taught to learn independently, communicate ef-

fectively in English and develop leadership qualities.

Mackle said every student has the potential to change the world.

"I believe we must create a student-centred learning community where all members learn together. This should come regardless of ethnicity and education background."

Mackle said students could work towards making a positive difference by learning from one another.

"We also need to use various assessment strategies to help each student self-assess as well as provide teachers with ample data to help plan better teaching or learning strategies."

Sunway College's CIMP has grown to become one of the largest in the world, with students from more than 70 countries, including Australia, Kenya, Japan, Korea, China, Kazakhstan and Indonesia, as well as many Middle Eastern countries.

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*Sunway's CIMP director **John Berchmans Mackle** says Sunway College's vision for education is progressive.*



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