

EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



Sunway University vice-chancellor **Prof Graeme Wilkinson** (third from left) with Finance Accreditation Agency chief executive officer **Dr Amat Taap Manshor** (third from right), who is holding the **Certificate of Accreditation**.

Full accreditation for Actuarial Studies course a first locally

SUNWAY University received full accreditation for its Actuarial Studies programme from the Finance Accreditation Agency (FAA).

This is the first bachelor's degree programme to be accredited by FAA, and first in the discipline of Actuarial Studies in Malaysia.

It is a significant achievement for any institution of higher learning as it is an evidence that the learning programme has been globally benchmarked against minimum standards and practices.

FAA chief executive officer Dr Amat Taap Manshor said the Sunway University Actuarial Studies accreditation would be valuable for graduates and career prospects.

The first batch of the Sunway University Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Actuarial Studies students will graduate later this year.

They are in their third year of studies.

The Sunway University's Actuarial Studies programme is a three-year programme that prepares students for the actuary profession.

The programme is offered through the Department of Financial Mathematics and Statistics in the Sunway University Business School. It aims to equip students with academic and soft skills.

Sunway University Vice-Chancellor Professor Graeme Wilkinson said Actuarial Studies was a complex discipline.

"We are proud to have received the accreditation from FAA. It is an agency that adds critical value to academic programmes in the technical fields such as this, where quality, precision and industry feedbacks are of the utmost importance."

Department head (academic) Professor Dr Ho Chee Kit said the accreditation served as a strong accolade and motivation for his team, who led

the programme. "We have two highly qualified actuaries with great industrial experience joining the academic team. We hope to provide the best learning experience for students."

The senior management team of FAA together with Amat marked this achievement by presenting the Certificate of Accreditation to Wilkinson at the Sunway campus.

The accreditation was well received by students of the Actuarial Studies programme.

One of them is Cuthbert Chong He Bok, a scholarship recipient in his second year of studies.

He said the accreditation gave him more confidence in the programme.

"I made a good decision and was proud that I chose a good university even before this accreditation was announced," he said.

Present at the ceremony were Sunway University Business School dean Professor Steve Williams, FAA Strategic Corporate Relations Division director Molly Jagpal and FAA Corporate Services director Theodoras Gkitzos.

Accreditation of learning programmes was introduced by FAA in response to the recommendations of Malaysian regulators in the financial services industry (FSI).

It is to ensure quality learning in the industry and to promote the highest standards in continuing education and professional learning for FSI.

The department also launched two programmes: BSc (Hons) Financial Analysis (BFA) and BSc (Hons) Financial Economics (BFE).

These three-year programmes will start this month; students of these programmes can enjoy a RM3,000 bursary.

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