



Learning beyond the classroom

THE Faculty of Arts at Sunway University offers diploma programmes under various disciplines such as the Diploma in Fine Art, Diploma in Graphic and Multimedia Design and Diploma in Interior Design.

Students graduating from these programmes are exposed to the latest in subject thinking, and how to apply them flexibly within global work scenarios and future jobs.

They would have exposure to business and entrepreneurial aspects that give them the confidence when starting their own company, or as part of a larger group or corporation.

In line with providing students with exposure to business and entrepreneurial aspects, field trips form part and parcel of out-of-the-classroom learning at Sunway University.

Students go on field trips several times a year to help broaden their horizons and stay current in their related fields of study.

Thirty students from the Diploma in Graphic and Multimedia Design programme this year, on one of their trips, paid a visit to the Royal Press in Malacca.

Led by lecturers Terrance Tiong and Lisa Lee, the group had the opportunity to learn a little bit about the history of printing at The Royal Press, one of the most important printing houses in Malacca.

It has since served as a boutique museum on the printing press industry during colonial Malaya.

Another group of students from the Diploma in Interior Design programme visited the Asia Timber House, a Malaysia timber and wooden flooring provider.

The award-winning company supplies and provides consultations on timber materials to developers, interior designers and contractor markets.

Students were provided information on various related topics, but they obtained a



Sunway University Diploma in Graphic and Multimedia Design students at the Royal Press in Malacca.

new perspective on sustainable design development through the company's commitment to use raw materials from well-managed sustainable forests.

Students are also encouraged to attend workshops to gain industry knowledge related to market demand.

Last year, a group of 18 students and three lecturers from the Department of Art and Design attended a series of training sessions by industry partners of the Multimedia Development Corporation (MDEC).

The sessions were aimed to provide exposure on the current ICT technology trends, as well as to enhance critical and creative thinking skills.

The Art and Design programmes at Sunway

University aim to provide a holistic and contemporary approach to design education and practices in the industry to allow greater cross of disciplinary exchanges within the many facets of the art disciplines.

Embracing the "beyond borders" concept, the academic team of industry professionals strive to create vibrant, multi-skilled artists and designers who have a strong understanding of media other than their speciality.

In stimulating a more dynamic and enriching environment to develop and nurture creative talents, the department attracts some of the best academic experts and industry professionals, creating a unique and progressive experience in the related fields.

Students in the programmes are taught by

these industry professionals.

By the time they graduate, students will be equipped with knowledge and skills to deal with the rapid changes around them, the ability to think critically, to be innovative and creative, and to be effective communicators.

These skills and attributes are much needed in the fast-paced creative industry.

Other than Art and Design programmes, the Faculty of Arts at Sunway University also offers the Diploma in Performing Arts and BA (Hons) Communication.

■ For further information about any of the programmes, call 03-7491 8622 or e-mail info@sunway.edu.my or visit sunway.edu.my/university/foa/academic

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