



Bursary Pelajar Cemerlang SPM scholars who are also A-Levels high achievers in the November 2014 Cambridge A-Levels examinations at Sunway College.

Firm foundation for excellence

BURSARY Pelajar Cemerlang SPM is a scholarship bursary offered by the Ministry of Education (MOE) of Malaysia to school-leavers who have obtained 9A+ and above in their SPM examination. The scholarship covers their pre-university studies in either public or selected private institutions.

The Sunway College's A-Levels programme is one of the listed pre-university programmes that recipients of the scholarship favour and usually shine as top scorers.

In the November 2014 Cambridge A-Levels examinations, Sunway College achieved a 100% pass rate with 64% of its students obtaining straight As. The ones who achieved straight A's include 69 of the bursary's recipients.

The student's achievements were celebrated at Sunway College's A-Levels tea party, which saw the largest turnout in record with about 200 high achievers in attendance.

Cultivating passion

Among those present were scholars Ang Chun Hou, Ramanand Gunasekgerin and Joanna Lum Hui Huey, who achieved straight A's in their respective subjects.

Hailing from Johor, Ang, who took biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics in his A-Levels examination, has been offered a place at the School of Biological Sciences, University of Edinburgh to pursue studies in plant science.

While waiting to begin his four-year programme in Edinburgh, Ang currently works as an intern assistant in Sunway College's laboratory under the supervision of Dr K. Sagathevan, head of Science and Engineering Resources.

"I am grateful for the ongoing assistance from Sunway College in developing my passion in botanical science. Throughout the A-Levels programme, my lecturers were supportive as they allowed me to talk about my passion in class," said Ang.

"Now, upon graduating and through this internship, I am allowed to start plant collections at Sunway, in particular experimenting on growing the giant water lily to its flowering stage."

Ang's parents, who were present at the ceremony, revealed that he started to love and explore plants at the age of four. They were happy that the environment at Sunway was conducive to developing his interest and personality.

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Pathway to success

Lum, who is also from Johor and took the same subjects as Ang, has received offers from University of Glasgow and University of Bristol for veterinary medicine.

"The A-Levels qualification is a ticket to many countries and top universities. Although the programme is incredibly challenging, experienced lecturers at Sunway College have been helpful in creating a positive and competitive learning environment for us to grow," said Lum.

"They have constantly emphasised that our learning is not merely for our academic results, but for life skills and passion."

Nurturing scholars

Ramanand, who took physics, mathematics, economics and accounting in the examination, chose Sunway thanks to its reputation of nurturing students with good A-Levels results. He has tentatively accepted the offer of pursuing accounting and finance at the University of Manchester.

Sunway College has a strong reputation of producing good A-Levels results and many of the scholarship recipients continue to excel through this pre-university programme.

Upon completion of their pre-university studies with certain requirements, these scholars are eligible for Jabatan Perkhidmatan Awam (JPA) Scholarship, a full scholarship to pursue their undergraduate degree at local or overseas universities.

■ For more information about Sunway College's A-Levels programme, call 03-7491 8622 or visit sunway.edu.my/college/a-level

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