

INTI OFFERING NEW MASTER'S DEGREE IN QUALITY MANAGEMENT

INTI College will work together with the University of Wollongong to offer a Master of Quality Management programme. Recently the college and the university signed an MoU to implement the programme.

The programme is offered in response to the government's call to increase productivity and ensure quality among the country's workforce.

It offers studies in modern management and productivity improvement concepts and techniques.

This programme is aimed at anyone who is interested in improving the way their organisation operates so as to help it stand out from among competitors. Hence, the primary aim is to upgrade the students' awareness of quality in the workplaces.

The course is conducted on a part-time basis and can be completed in 18 months. Participants are also required to attend on-site instructional sessions at the college.

The college's vice president of administration, Dr Lee Fah Onn, said there is a need to train the workforce in quality management concepts as quality is a key issue in Malaysia's economic

future.

He also said the college prides itself on its strong liaison with reputable partner universities such as the University of Wollongong, which is officially ranked as one of the top 10 Australian universities.

Lee said the university will provide the staff who will be at the college during the on-site sessions.

The university's director

of its business school, Prof John J. Glynn, said that quality management is no longer focussed only in the manufacturing sector. It has proved to be an important aspect in all fields including banking and finance, food and beverage, health and hospitals, telecommunication as well as education.

The first session of the master's programme is expected to begin early next

year after it is approved and obtained from the Education Ministry.

To qualify for the programme, candidates should have either an undergraduate degree from a recognised university or institution of equivalent standing or other post-secondary qualifications plus a total of five years' experience of which at least two must be in the area of quality management.