



**L-ROUNDERS:** Students at INTI College are encouraged to participate in co-curricular activities

# Not just a paper chase at INTI



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**I**NTI College believes that tertiary education is more than a paper chase. With a track record of 12 years in the education sector, INTI provides more than 10 recognised degrees. The college is known to produce students who are all-rounders.

President of the student body (INTIMA) Michael Wong attests to that fact.

"Basically INTIMA acts as a link between the student and the management. It is an umbrella body for more than 20 clubs and societies in the college," said Wong.

The executive committee meet once a week to discuss students progress and problems, if any, to ensure their studies are not interrupted in anyway.

During the meetings with INTIMA council, the student leaders coordinate their events so that there will be any conflict of events like blood donation drive, community projects, talentime contest, rural service project and charity drives.

There are also weekly dance, calligraphy, Mandarin classes and martial arts classes - Ninjitsu, karate taekwon-do.

Wong who is doing the Higher Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, said the college which has been supportive and encourages students to organise more activities so that the students will not be lured into unhealthy activities.

INTI located at Bandar Baru Nilai, has a multi-purpose hall, badminton courts, squash courts and a dent-activity room.

"Our college's president, Tan Yew Sing has expressed his hope that he would like us to organise at least one major event a week in the hall which is well-equipped with high-fi sound and lighting systems."

Besides the facilities, the college also subsidises activities organised by the clubs and societies if they run out of funds.

"The environment at INTI encourages us to develop our leadership skills," he said.

The major event is the orientation programme for freshies organised by students with the guidance of the Students' Affairs Office.

"We will implement a mentor-concept for the first semester. Seniors have to give support to the freshies and help them adjust to their new life.

"It is a win-win situation as the seniors and freshies will gain from the experience."

Wong said "We must upgrade ourselves as the college is moving towards attaining a university status."

At INTI even the staff are encouraged to upgrade themselves.

"Research, workshops and seminars are conducted for the benefit of the students, staff and the community," said Associate vice-president (academic affairs) Dr Ho Peng.

In this context, he said the college would consider at least one afternoon off a week to enable them to work on their projects or pursue their Masters or Doctorate.

Lim who joined the college with a string of degrees after retiring from Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia in 1996, not only teaches but is involved in several projects that enables him to constantly improve himself.

Another lecturer who is not resting on his laurels is Dr Amiya Bhaumik who obtained his MBA after his BMA and PhD.

Amiya who has been lecturing on anthropology and sociology at INTI for the last five years said it gives him a broader perspective that can be applied in teaching and research work.

"Education is an on-going process and we need to constantly be on our toes. Moreover the environment here encourages us to upgrade ourselves. The college supports us to pursue research and studies by giving loans and other assistance."

Amiya will be leaving to UK next year to present a paper and will move on to the US to pursue a Doctorate in Science.

These lecturers represent the college's vision to provide quality education for students and this is also proof that the college will not stop growing and constantly upgrade itself to benefit the students.

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