

agreements with two British varsities

INTI College, a premier institution of higher learning in Malaysia, has again proved its responsiveness to the changing scenario in the country's higher education sector. With the current financial uncertainty besetting the nation, the college has introduced innovative linkages with overseas institutions as well as local private institutions of higher learning.

To cater to the financial situation of many of our students, INTI College arranged for the introduction of the Graduate Diploma Programme.

The College signed agreements with two British universities, the University of Hertfordshire on 10 December 1997 and Coventry University on 26 February 1998 that would allow students to complete the two universities' 3-year degree programmes entirely at INTI College.

This of course is good news for both parents and students as it offers them the option of obtaining a British qualification without having to spend thousands of ringgit overseas. Instead of doing the final year overseas, students are required to complete 2 semesters at INTI College.

This is equivalent to the Third Year of study at the British university and the status of students at the college is equivalent academically to that of students at the university.

Upon successful completion of all the examinations at INTI College, a student will be awarded a Graduate Diploma by INTI College and an Honours Degree by the university. The University of Hertfordshire will award the B.A. (Hons) in Business Administration and Coventry University will award the B.Sc. (Hons) in Computing and Information Technology.

Besides these agreements with overseas universities, INTI College has taken the step to share in the responsibility of providing the resources and training needed for the many students clamouring for a place in local institutions of higher learning.

On 10 February 1998, the college signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Universiti Telekom to offer five programmes: Bachelor of Engineering with majors in Electronics, Computer and Electrical, and Bachelor of Information Technology with majors in Information Systems Engineering and Software Engineering. Universiti Telekom will award the degrees when students have successfully completed their 3-year studies at INTI College.

The first intake for Universiti Telekom's programmes will be in May 1998 and students will be

based on their academic performance and extra curricular activities while family and personal background are also considered. In 1997 alone, a grand total of US Scholarships amounting to US\$438,467 and US\$3,200 (non-renewable) were awarded to 105 students.

31 universities in the US, including Michigan Technological University and California State University Fresno allocate a number of scholarships specifically for INTI students.

Universities in the UK awarded a total of pound 1,000 per year for the duration of their studies there subject to satisfactory progress. INTI College is truly proud of its students who bring honour to the country with their sterling performances at universities overseas.

INTI College students majoring in engineering did the college proud with outstanding results at several prestigious UK Universities.

At the University of Leeds, out of a total of 41 students, 54% graduated with first class honours. Meanwhile, at the University of Liverpool, 27% were conferred first class honours and at Birmingham University, 67% obtained first class honours. One student obtained first class honours from the University of Nottingham.

From the four universities mentioned above, a total of 78 students sat and achieved 100 per cent passes in their civil, mechanical, electronic, electrical, electronic and communication, and electronic and computer engineering exams.

These are truly astounding feats and speak well of the calibre of the students and the dedication of the staff from INTI College.

The record proves that INTI College's American University Programme (AUP) is the most popular and successful of its kind in Malaysia. For the past five years, INTI College has consistently sent the largest number of Malaysian students to the USA. In 1997, close to 900 (to be confirmed by MACEE's Annual report 1997) INTI students left to continue their tertiary studies in the States.

In Malaysia itself, INTI has the largest enrolment of AUP students among private colleges with over 1600 students to date on its Subang Jaya campus.

INTI College's effort in the provision of excellent service and diversification has been acknowledged by the government.

On December 18, 1997 INTI College was awarded the Special Award for Export Education which comes under the Industry Excellence Award 1997 for Export Excellence (Services). INTI College was the only educational institution to win the Special Award.

A new record was created when 7,000 students enrolled in the December 1997/January 1998 intake at its