

INTI's British degrees with 'local' content

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DUE to the economic slowdown, the 3+0 degree programme is a popular choice among students. But sometimes, it is difficult to find out which college offers the best deal.

If students are thinking of getting a degree in Business Administration, Accounting, Finance, Marketing, Computer Science or Business Information Technology, they should check out INTI college, which has an excellent track record of 12 years.

INTI students are taught by lecturers who have an extensive teaching experience and industrial background.

School of Business and Law's dean Dr Joseph Lee said INTI and the University of Hertfordshire (UH) in UK have an "equal partnership" in offering the Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Business Administration, Marketing, Finance and Accounting.

Lee said the British university was playing a supporting role in the 3+0 programme as it trusted the capability of INTI's lecturers.

"It is an advantage for INTI to be treated as an equal partner as we can discuss many specific issues that may not benefit our students. For example, final year students at UH have open book examinations. INTI students are not exposed to such a system. Therefore, we have asked the university to be more flexible and allow some time to implement this system."

Lee said INTI could also introduce local content in the case studies and project papers for final year students. Visiting lecturer Peter Newman specialises in dissertation writing. Newman is usually at INTI for a semester.

"INTI has compiled the latest information on Malaysian taxation in the Accounting papers for the final year. This will be advantageous to students who choose to work in Malaysia as they will be familiar with the local taxation," said Lee.

INTI uses the latest computer software to meet all needs of research, survey and data analysis, management, administration, strategic decision-making, training and consulting in our courses.

The software include the ValuePlus Accounting Software and Fixed Asset Software and the SPSS software, a statistical data analysis software.

All these tools and information will give INTI students a headstart when they look for jobs upon graduation. Another important point, Lee said was that students enrolling for the 3+0 Business Programme will obtain not just a business degree with majors but specialised degrees in Accounting, Finance, Marketing and Business Administration.

Lee said that the college was now in the process of gaining exemptions for certain local professional bodies for its accounting course.

For computing students, there is the 3+0 programme with Coventry University of the UK.

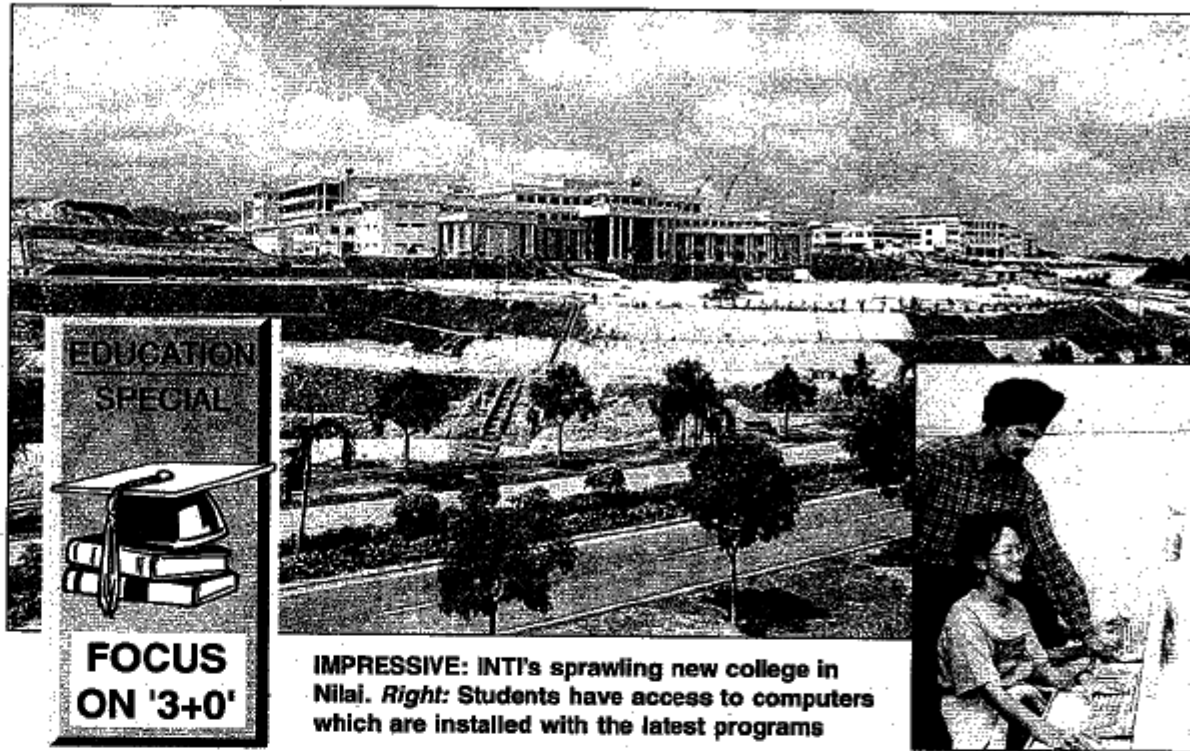
School of Computing and Information Technology dean Dr Yap Sue Pin said INTI had six laboratories equipped with over 200 computers. The computers are connected in multi-platforms consisting of UNIX, Windows-NT and NOVELL network systems. This ensures that the users can access the needed software at any workstation.

"We have a fibre-optic backbone offering multi-media transmission capabilities and other features. For external communication, a 265K leased line connects the college with Jaring network to provide easy access to the Internet," said Yap.

Coventry University, which confers the B.Sc (Hons) Computer Science and BA (Hons) in Business Information Technology, allows INTI to be involved in the development of the programme.

"We can propose courses which suit local needs and incorporate them in our syllabus. INTI has the necessary experience to conduct the 3+0 programme as it has been running the 2+1 programme with Coventry University for over six years."

The next intake for the 3+0 programmes in Business



IMPRESSIVE: INTI's sprawling new college in Nilai. **Right:** Students have access to computers which are installed with the latest programs