



Inti chairman Tan Sri Abdul Majid Ismail and Tan speaking to the press yesterday. — SUNPIX

Inti to boost foreign intake

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KUALA LUMPUR: Education provider Inti Universal Holdings Bhd plans to steadily increase the number of its foreign students.

Under its Vision 2010, the company envisages increasing its foreign students intake from 17% at present to 30% by 2010, managing director Tan Yew Sing said.

The group has five local campuses — Nilai, Subang Jaya, Penang, Kota Kinabalu and Kuching — with a total student population of 11,000 of which 17% are international students, he added at the transfer ceremony where Inti was moved to the KLSE Main Board yesterday.

With the move to the main board, Inti will gain better accreditation in franchising its courses overseas.

He said the Inti group of colleges will use a three-pronged strategy to expand; internationalisation, invest-

ing in information technology and establishing linkages with the corporate world.

The Inti group of colleges has franchised its programmes to Thailand, China and Vietnam.

Tan said some RM6 million had been invested in Thailand to build the Inti College there which is expected to be completed by end of the year. By April 2001, it is expected to offer degree and diploma courses," he said.

He also said that the college in Thailand will apply for university status in its third year of operations. The group will also look into exchange programmes where students pursuing the 3+0 local programmes can swap with students in overseas universities to provide overseas exposure in their final year of their studies.

Under these programmes, students could study for a few months overseas.

Tan said RM15 million had been invested in its two MSC status campuses at Nilai and Subang Jaya and another

RM12 million will be invested in building a multimedia centre at its main campus in Nilai.

The Inti group will also link up with commercial firms to provide students the necessary exposure.

Earlier this year, Inti teamed up with Microsoft in the training and development of customised software.

Tan also said that Inti will be looking into expanding its courses in the field of medicine, arts and design.

Inti is currently offering 3+0 degrees and twinning programmes. He said Inti aimed to provide affordable and quality education and its fees were competitive due to economies of scale.

Inti College is the only college in Malaysia that is listed on the MainBoard.

Yesterday's transfer of listing involves the transfer of the entire issued share capital comprising up to 63 million shares of RM1.00 each to the Main Board.