

# Inti ties up with Adelaide University for engineering degree programmes

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ANSWERING the call for more engineers in the country, Inti College has linked itself with the 126-year-old Adelaide University in Australia.

The tie-up will enable Malaysian students to study for courses leading to engineering degrees. They will do three years of the studies at Inti College's local campus, and do their final year in Adelaide.

This is the first time one of Australia's research universities has entered into a '3+1' programme with a local college.

Adelaide University's Dean of the Faculty of Engineering (Computer and Mathematics), Professor Ian Young, said the university is selective when it comes to choosing a partner.

"This is due to the university's history and reputation," he said.

The reason why they chose Inti is because they were impressed with Inti's quality of diploma programmes, the kind of graduates it has produced, and its progressive educational philosophy.

Young said: "These are the

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Lee and Young sign the agreement, witnessed by Australian High Commissioner Peter Varghese.

attributes which persuaded the university to enter into this agreement, and to provide a greater level of advanced standing than we have with other institutions."

Young explained that his department is not all out to "fill the heads of our graduates with facts, figures and equations".

The kind of graduates he has in mind are "articulate graduates who will continue to learn in the future.

"We expect our graduates to challenge the norms and question the way we do things," he said.

The staff of both institutions will work together to ensure that the Adelaide Transfer Programme offered at Inti will achieve the educational goals and the needs of the students.

Touching on a more human-interest side of the collaboration, Inti senior vice-president, Dr Lee Fah On,

looked at the tie-up as a sign of "rapport between the two nations".

He said: "It highlights the growing tendency to cross national barriers in the name of globalisation."

Inti is currently offering '2+1' degree courses leading to the Bachelor of Commerce with two majors in Corporate Finance, International Business, Marketing, and Accounting and Management with the university.