

Scholarships give opportunity to students to acquire higher education

KUCHING - Inti College Sarawak has given out scholarships worth RM75,8560 to students enrolling for various courses starting in April this year, giving a total of more than RM1.5 million for the whole institution in Malaysia.

Its deputy principal, Ten Nruik Pin, said Inti's achievement and merit scholarships provided opportunity for students to acquire higher education.

"Inti believes that education should be made available to those who need it so good students facing financial constraints would not be deprived," she added.

Ten also pointed out that as the College strongly encouraged holistic approach to education to develop all-round students, it had also offered scholarships to athletes representing the State and country.

"This year, the College is offering scholarships to 15 secondary schools through Inti Award for Outstanding Students and De La Salle Brothers' Scholarship to show its appreciation to the strong support from various secondary schools in the State."

In conjunction with the College's 10th anniversary, she said, it had started offering bursaries to all new students who got to save up to 16 percent in tuition fees.

Students whose parents are members of Sarawak Teachers Union and Sarawak United Association of Private Chinese Secondary School Management Board, could reduce their tuition fees by up to 25 percent, she said.

"Inti College is trying to make education even more affordable for the develop-



Brendon Chan ... incentive to high achiever.

ment of knowledgeable and skilled workforce. It is also helping students obtain loans from commercial banks as well as other types of financial assistance", Ten added.

The College signed a memorandum of understanding with Bank Utama last year for the provision of a study loan amounting to RM10 million.

She said the College also helped students obtain scholarships for studies abroad through its link with its partner universities overseas.

The country's squash player, Dephine Ting, 20, is one of the scholarship recipients. She said the scholarship offered by Inti College would help her with her expenses.

"Without this scholarship, my parents would have to spend more on education for my sister and I. A total of RM11,000 per year would hopefully help me pursue the American University Programme in the United States next year," she said.

Ting, who aspires to be a successful businesswoman, said active involvement in



Dephine Ting ... easing burden of parents.

sports would help towards obtaining a scholarship. "I have been playing squash for six years and represented Malaysia for a number of years. This has helped me to secure the scholarship. When I first entered the college, I was the only player from the national team, so the chance of getting it was quite good."

For Brendon Chan, 19, the scholarship was an incentive especially for students striving to support themselves through college.

"With this scholarship, I no longer burden my parents to pay for my higher education. The scholarship, how-



Benjamin Chong ... giving hope

ever, requires that receivers do some industrial training at the College, which would give us the chance to understand its operation," said the Inti Achievement Scholarship holder.

As for Benjamin Chong, 19, the scholarship encouraged him to further his studies in electrical and electronic engineering. "It would help towards expenditure at the College so I can save more for my studies in the United Kingdom next year", he said.

"The scholarship would also give him the opportunity to be exposed to the real working environment.