

AmeriCan enticement

HABSAH MARJUNI reports on INTI College's recent AmeriCan Day which had North America as its focus.

IF ever a Book of Records is created for institutions in the Malaysian education industry, INTI College will be cited as the private college with the highest number of transfer students to the United States.

The college recently created another record of sorts when it organised the AmeriCan Day, an Open Day with a North American theme, on March 23 at INTI College Malaysia, Bandar Baru Nilai, Negri Sembilan and on March 24 at INTI College Subang Jaya, Selangor.

Marketing manager Danny Lee, when met at the Nilai campus, said that among the North American universities that took part in AmeriCan Day were University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Purdue University, Wichita State University, State University of New York-Buffalo, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Troy State University and Northwood University. There were also Canadian universities such as the University of Manitoba, University of Saskatchewan and University of Windsor.

"MACEE and the Canadian Education Centre were also here," he said.

"The main purpose of INTI holding AmeriCan Day was to expose Malaysian fifth formers and the college's own students to educational opportunities available in the United States and Canada. Thus the capital 'C' in the word AmeriCan," explained Lee.

INTI started its American University Programme in 1986, when the college was established.

Since then, it has been sending thousands of young Malaysians to



PLENTY TO LEARN ABOUT ... The INTI booths had gifts and informational material for visitors

study at its 250 partner universities in North America.

Lee explained that if a student is transferred to a partner university, he stands to get full transfer of credit.

"However, if he wishes to attend a university not in our list, we can't guarantee the credit transfer," he added.

Another attractive feature of the AUP at INTI is the availability of scholarships for those who are

accepted by the partner universities.

Last year alone, said Lee, INTI students had received a total sum of US\$400,945.58 (about RM1,523,593.20) worth of scholarships.

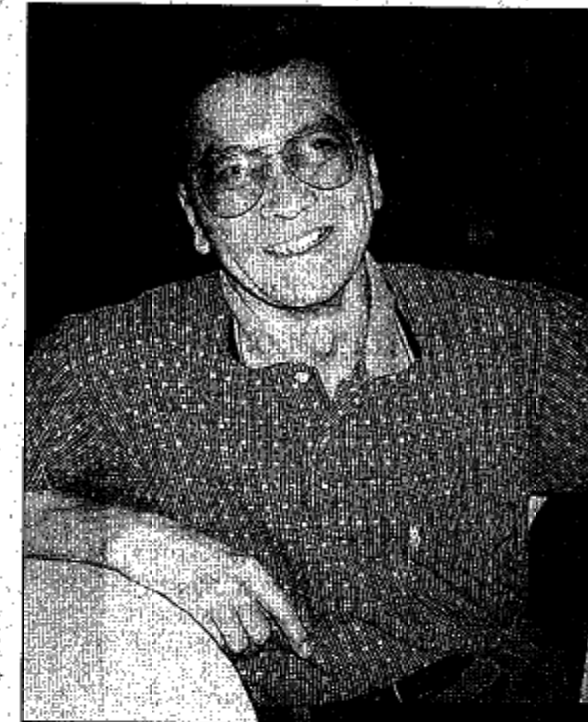
"Another advantage for the AUP students is that their credits are transferable to the Canadian partner universities. Thus, they don't have to go through the

Canadian Pre-University programme," he said.

Students who visited the booths set up by the partner universities received gifts and informational material from the country of origin.

Lee was quite pleased that the response from schools was so very encouraging. On the first day at Nilai, students from five secondary schools arrived in busloads.

"Imagine, there were groups from a school in Johor Baru and two



LIM ... Assures students there will be English Placement Tests at INTI's Penang campus next year while Lee (below) found the response from schools very encouraging on INTI's AmeriCan Open Day

schools in Malacca," he said.

Also at the AmeriCan Day was Dr Lim Ho Peng, INTI's associate vice-president for academic affairs.

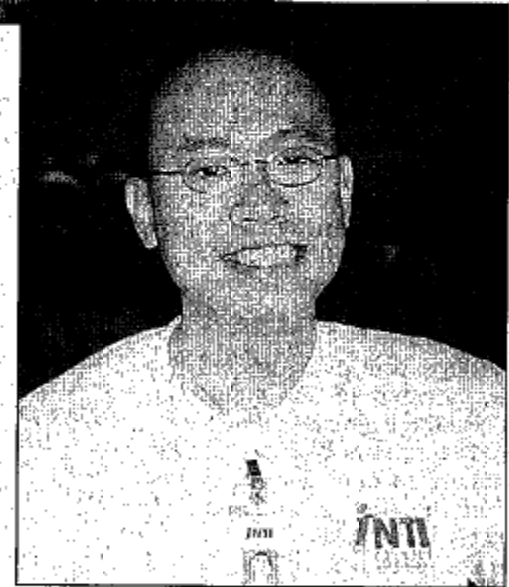
Pleased with the overwhelming response from the public, Lim said the college will make its English Placement Test available in future Open Days.

Conducted by the School of Language and Liberal Arts, the test is now available online at the Nilai and Subang Jaya campus.

"We plan to introduce the computer based test at our Penang campus next year," said Lim.

Visitors to the AmeriCan Day at Nilai were also taken on a campus tour that included visiting the hostel blocks.

Lim said the present facilities can accommodate 2,000 students. New



blocks are scheduled to be completed in August this year.

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