

# Great offers at education fair

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AN accountancy scholarship for one who's exceptionally talented on the piano or any other musical instrument; a 60 per cent "discount" to study at a top foreign university for one academic year; the chance to attend lectures via satellite and video conferencing.

Interested in knowing more? Then, head for the KL Education Fair 2002 between Feb 22 and 24 at the Putra World Trade Centre in Kuala Lumpur.

These are but a few of the many interesting offers at the annual fair organised by Facon Exhibition & Trade Fairs.

The event will bring together a total of 100 exhibitors, who represent between 800 and 1,000 institutions of higher learning, both foreign and local.

The opportunities offered by the exhibitors cater not only to school leavers but also to those who are already working.

Representatives of four institutions gave a brief overview of what they had to offer.

Olympia College is proud of its critical thinking class. It was set up

solely to broaden students' minds and encourage them to think out of the box.

Its public relations and media officer Soraya Gaiza said: "Irrespective of what course a student is taking, the most interesting class, which is also compulsory, is the critical thinking class.

"Here, students will be given a specific subject to discuss among themselves. It makes their minds work."

INTI provides scholarships that aren't based solely on academic performance. Its marketing manager Siew Weng Fong said: "We offer four types of scholarships. They are based on achievement, merit, sports and special talent.

"The special talent scholarship is especially interesting. A person who has an exceptional ability in playing the piano, for example, can take up a course of her choice at INTI.

"This, however, will be assessed by the college's scholarship department on a case-by-case basis."

For those who wish to study abroad but are put off by the expenses, the University of Nottingham may just be the

answer.

Its director of administrative support services for the campus Paul Boardman said: "With the establishment of our campus in Malaysia, students will get the Nottingham experience without leaving the country."

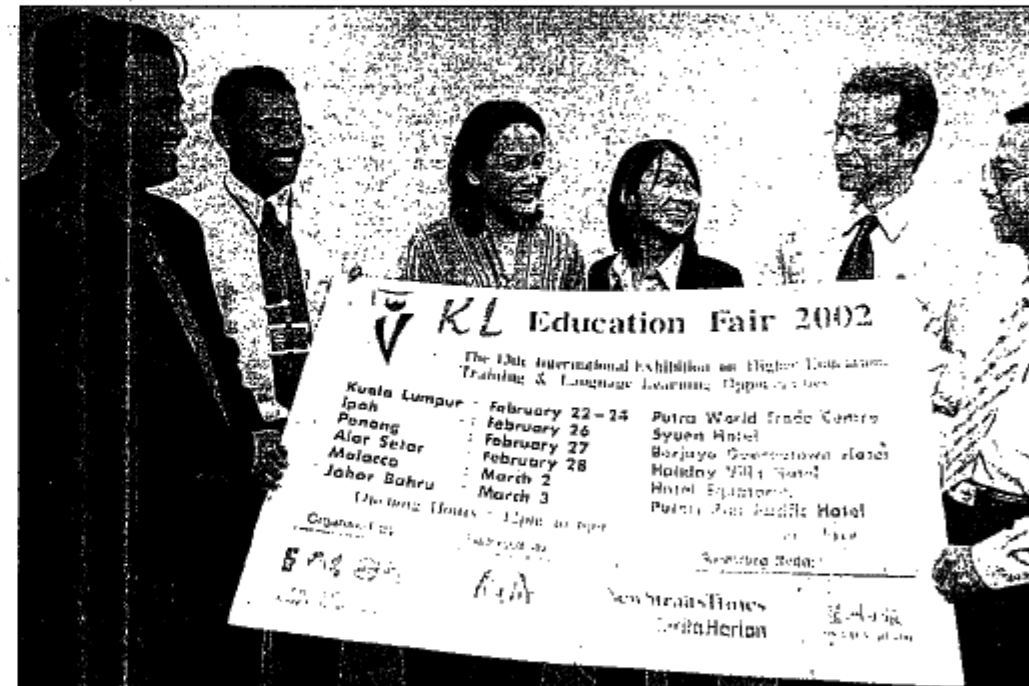
Multimedia University, Malaysia's first private university, is offering satellite education — lectures can be viewed simultaneously at its two campuses and four branches.

Shamsul Rizal, assistant manager of the university relations and programme promotion unit, said: "It's very much like video conferencing where there's two-way communication."

Facon Exhibition & Trade Fairs general manager Wong Kum San advised those who intend to further their education to come with their parents to the fair to help them decide on the courses.

The fair moves to Ipoh on Feb 26, Penang on Feb 27, Alor Star on Feb 28 and Malacca and Johor Baru on March 2 and 3.

Admission is free and opening hours are from noon to 6pm at all venues.



(from left) ... Shamsul, Govindan Nair (Marketing manager, University of Nottingham in Malaysia), Sor Yvonne Lye (Assistant manager, Multimedia University), Paul and Siew Weng Fong