

Make it a 'fair' decision

By Adam Ismail

BEFORE making a decision on where and what to study, wait for the KL Education Fair 2002.

This sound advice comes from Wong Kum San, general manager of Facon Exhibition & Trade Fairs, the organising company for the education fair.

Now in its 13th year since its inception in 1990, this event will be participated by 100 exhibitors representing up to 1,000 institutions of higher learning, both foreign and local.

Recently, four of these institutions gave the Press a brief overview of the courses and facilities offered.

Shamsul Rizal Mohd Rosedi, the assistant manager of Multimedia University's school relation and programme promotion unit, said the university would establish a satellite education system to facilitate lectures among the various campuses.

"It's like video-conferencing where a lecture is viewed in six different locations simultaneously. Two-way communication is also possible," he explained.

The university will also be introducing a course on Bachelor of Law programme soon.

Inti College, which was set up in 1986, has several scholarship schemes for students.

Marketing manager Siew Weng Fong said the scholarships would be awarded based on achieve-



LET'S CO-OPERATE ... Representatives from the various institutions of higher learning make it a collective effort

ment, merit, sports and even "special talent".

"Applicants will be evaluated on a case-to-case basis," he said.

For details, call the scholarship department of any Inti College campus.

The University of Nottingham, meanwhile, provides students with a unique "Nottingham" experience at a relatively affordable cost.

"Students pay only 60 per cent of what it would actually cost if they studied in the UK," explained Paul Boardman, director of administrative support services for Nottingham university campus in Kuala Lumpur.

Nottingham is rated amongst the top 10 universities in the United Kingdom and the first to establish a

campus in Malaysia.

Olympia College has something unique to offer its students too.

"Regardless of the course our students take, they have to attend a 'Critical Thinking' class to broaden their horizons. There, they will be asked to discuss topics to make them think from different perspectives," said Soraya Gaiza Garib, the college's public relations and media officer.

In line with the growth of information technology, Olympia College's Kuala Lumpur campus now offers a Master's in IT programme.

For the upcoming education fair, organisers and exhibitors advise school-leavers to bring their parents along — it can be costly and time-consuming to make the wrong decisions.