

500 institutions to take part in education fair

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KUALA LUMPUR, Thurs. — The 4th Facon Education Fair, to be held at Mid Valley Megamall from Feb 14-16, is set to draw the crowd seeking the best options in higher education.

The fair will feature about 500 institutions at more than 100 booths.

Event organiser Facon Exhibition Trade Fairs (M) Sdn Bhd's general manager Wong Kum San said students could check out scholarships, study loans and speak to representatives from local and international institutions of higher learning.

The foreign representatives are from Hong Kong, Japan, the United States, Singapore, Ireland, Australia and the United Kingdom.

There will be shuttle services from the Bangsar LRT station to the mall.

One of the exhibitors, The One Academy of Community Design, offers three-year diploma in art and design courses affiliated with foreign universities.

Public relations and project assistant manager Harlym Yeo said the academy, located in Bandar Sunway, prided itself in producing graduates who are versatile.

"We stress good results, and judging from our students' 'before-and-after' portfolios, the improvement is immense," he said.



SEE YOU AT THE FAIR: (from left) Yeo, Tan, Koo and Help Institute's marketing manager Lim Yee Huat.

Inti College vice-president of administrative affairs Dr Koo Wee Kor said the college was utilising online information and communication technology platforms to keep students and staff connected.

It has 14,000 students at five campuses nationwide, and offers 17 accredited courses in subjects such as business and engineering. Deserving students get scholarships and fee waivers.

Help Institute prides itself on sound classroom management, and a system of pastoral care and culture.

Trained psychologists conduct mental health and leadership workshops for students and parents, besides counselling students on issues such as time management, study skills and stress management.

Help Institute marketing director Willie Tan said the college hosted social and cultural events to give students "a cultured personality".

The fair is endorsed by the Education Ministry and supported by the *New Straits Times*, *Berita Harian* and *Nanyang Siang Pau*.