

## BULLETIN

■ **THE CHANCELLOR OF NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY IN THE UNITED KINGDOM**, Professor Yang Fujia, will deliver a public lecture on Jan 27 at 7.30pm at the Malaysia Tourism Centre in Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur.

Yang, the first mainland Chinese chancellor of the university and of the British education community, will speak on *Knowledge Economy and Higher Education in the 21st Century*.

He will show that the out-going industrial economy is being overtaken by the knowledge economy, whose progress will depend upon the quality of educational institutions, particularly those at the tertiary level.

As a result of the rapid development of information and communication technologies, totally new approaches to graduate skills development and decision-making need to be acquired.

Examples will be given to demonstrate the importance of the quality of a country's tertiary institutions in developing the k-economy. These examples will be drawn from both highly developed and large countries and also from small nations.

There will be a discourse on eight major differences between the k-economy and the industrial economies.

The professor, a nuclear physicist, was born in Shanghai. He graduated in Physics from Fudan University in 1958 and had taught at the university, progressing from a teaching assistant to a professor of Physics.

He was Fudan University's president prior to his current appointment as Nottingham University chancellor.

Yang's public lecture is presented by the INTI Foundation, a charitable organisation which aims to provide educational and welfare support to Malaysians. Admission is free.

Past events organised by the INTI Foundation included a public talk by 1996 Nobel Prize winner Professor Douglas Osheroff and a forum by John Naisbitt.

Coming events include the 2003 Peace Art Charity Exhibition in collaboration with China's Henan Province Overseas Science & Education Exchange Association.

■ **MORE THAN 260 PLACES** for the Hotel Industry Apprenticeship Scheme (HIAS) are available in 16 hotels for PMR/SPM school-leavers who are interested in pursuing a career in the hotel industry.

Candidates are required to undergo on-the-job training at Taylor's College and at sponsoring hotels for the January 2003 intake. The scheme also provides trainees with a recognised qualification for further retraining and career progression.

Apprentices may choose modules in Accommodation Practice (Housekeeping), Reception Techniques (Front Office), Food & Beverage Service, or Kitchen Practice, all conducted in English.

Upon successful completion of their courses, selected candidates are guaranteed jobs at any one of the 16 participating hotels.

The scheme was implemented in January 1997 by the Human Resources Ministry through Human Resources Development Bhd with the cooperation of sponsoring hotels and Taylor's College to provide free education and training for selected students. It is also supported by the Youth and Sports Ministry.

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