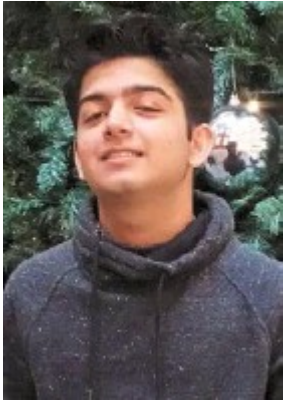# Complementing IT needs

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IN this digital and pandemic era, the need for technology has increased demand for a workforce skilled in information technology. As lockdowns become a reality for many, the number of people working remotely has resulted in increasing demand for connectivity and communications.

In answer to this call, Universiti Kuala Lumpur Malaysian Institute of Information Technology (UniKL MIIT) recently introduced a new programme – Foundation in Computer Technology (FiCT).

Since November 2018, FiCT has welcomed over 150 students.

Wan Suriyani Che Wan Ahmad, the Foundation Centre of UniKL MIIT head, said FiCT was established to provide a fast-track opportunity for school-leavers and O-Level graduates to pursue a bachelor's degree in information technology.

"Catering to local and international students, we also welcome working people who wish to upskill themselves for career advancement.

"FiCT combines academic skills and content-specific modules, providing an introductory ground to computer technology as well as developing one's critical thinking, academic literacy and communication skills. It will assist in increasing the uptake of computer science and technological courses at the tertiary level to meet the industry's talent needs.

"The one-year programme is the right pathway for these students as they will be directly absorbed into any of the degree programmes offered by UniKL MIIT," she said.

Wan Suriyani added that students can save a lot of time compared to the diploma programme, which takes almost three years. Among the programmes available are Computer Engineering, Computing and Business Management, Computer System Security, Interactive Multimedia Design, Computer Animation, Networking System, Software Engineering, and UniKL MIIT's latest offering – the Internet of Things.

As a leading IT institution with links to high-profile industries and university partners from South Korea, UniKL MIIT is where cutting-edge technologies are introduced.

Paavietra Gunalan, an FICT Batch 2 student pursuing the Bachelor of Information Technology (Hons) in Computer System Security programme, said her foundation year greatly prepared her for the degree programme.

Masood Muhammad Waleed, a student from Pakistan pursuing the Bachelor of Information Technology (Hons) in Software Engineering (BSE) programme, said, "Thanks to UniKL, I have gained a lot of knowledge, friends and lecturers who push my capabilities, mindset and goals for the future."

In catering to the current pandemic, UniKL MIIT is accepting applications based on students' SPM 2020 trial examination results for its May intake.

Malaysian students will enjoy a discounted tuition fee of RM5,500 per whole programme from the original amount of RM15,000. The normal entry requirement for the FiCT pro-gramme is a credit in any five subjects (including Mathematics) at the SPM or O-Level.

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