

TCS College inks partnership on project-based learning with two foreign universities

KUCHING: Technology College Sarawak (TCS College), a local boutique college, recently signed an agreement with two top universities in Finland and the UK.

TCS College, in a release, said the two international universities are renowned for delivering their undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in project-based learning mode.

To launch this partnership, the New Model Institute for Technology and Engineering (NMITE) in the UK, through TCS College, is offering two scholarships covering full tuition fees for the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Integrated Engineering course at their

campus in the UK.

These scholarships shall be awarded to top students from the lower-income groups (B40) who have completed their one-year foundation programme in the project-based learning mode at TCS College at Petra Jaya, Jalan Sultan Tengah here.

Upon completing their study, the foundation students will have the opportunity to enrol in the Bachelor of Business Administration, International Business course at Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences (SeAMK) in Finland or in the Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Integrated Engineering course at NMITE in the UK with the study duration of

three years and 2.5 years, respectively.

"Similar scholarship arrangements are being made with SeAMK, whereby details will be announced later," said TCS College.

"SeAMK and NMITE will mould the foundation graduates to be competent managers and all-rounded engineers who will be able to effectively manage the high-impact projects that the Sarawak government has planned in its Post Covid-19 Development Strategy (PCDS) 2030 goals.

"Project-based learning has proven to be the most effective method to produce graduates who are creative in problem-

solving, possess critical thinking, as well as leadership and team-working skills.

"Finland has embraced the project-based learning system three decades ago, of which its education system is now rated as one of the best in the world in producing best-in-class graduates," it said.

Through project-based learning, TCS College aims to produce graduates who are not only technically competent, but also able to manage people and projects, it added.

"This is in line with Sarawak's rapid economic growth, of which it has been noted that there is a gap in managerial leadership, especially from the B40 group in

rural Sarawak.

"With proper training, this group will be able to steer new companies to penetrate markets and grow aggressively," said the statement.

TCS College delivers entrepreneurship and management programmes at the foundation, diploma and degree levels in partnership with Universiti Kuala Lumpur (UniKL) and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM).

Since its inception in 2000, TCS College has helped the Sarawak and Sabah governments in reducing poverty cycle in rural and urban households by providing quality and industry-driven tertiary education at

affordable prices to students from the lower income households.

"TCS College has produced 4,371 graduates in total, out of which 82 per cent are from the B40 group mainly from the rural parts of Sarawak and Sabah.

"Out of this, 66 graduates have obtained first-class Honour degrees, while the other 52 graduates have achieved the Dean's List," it said.

"We have continuously been achieving a passing rate of 99 per cent, with employability rate of 93 per cent within six months of graduation," said TCS College, adding that 21 of its graduates have embarked on their own business ventures.