

# Pursuing discovery and knowledge in borderless world

UCSI University is a vibrant community of learning with over 10,000 students from 80 different countries, where the pursuit of knowledge is complemented by a keen sense of cultural appreciation.

Such traits are vital in today's borderless world, and as one of Malaysia's first private universities, it has long impacted the nation's higher education landscape.

It continues to do so with its wide range of undergraduate and post-graduate programmes, helmed by academic staff who are at the forefront of their disciplines.

Most have extensive working experience overseas and some play advisory roles in public bodies and various committees. Their rich experience affords students a stimulating learning environment with relevant industrial applications.

UCSI has tie-ups with many reputable foreign universities, research institutes and multinational companies. Students are required to go for co-op stints at the end of every academic year.

Its Faculties of Applied Sciences, Medicine and Health Sciences,

Pharmaceutical Sciences, Business and Information Science, Social Sciences and Liberal Arts, Engineering Technology and Built Environment, and Hospitality and Tourism Management, offer a myriad of programmes in their respective fields.

Its Centre for Pre-U Studies director Mabel Tan said the university also offers a choice of GCE A-Levels or its homegrown Foundation programmes in Science and Arts, both of which equip students with critical thinking and independent learning skills.

"Highlights of the A-Level programme, which prepare students for admission into universities all over the world, include personalised attention by our lecturers," she said.

"It has an excellent track record with high percentages of As and Bs, plus successful placements in top-notch universities worldwide.

"In 2010, we bagged the highest number of World Top 10 Achiever Awards, with six for Physics, five for Biology and three for Chemistry," she pointed out, adding that the success was also repeated last year.

In addition to following the full and challenging curriculum, Tan said students were also encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities, ensuring holistic, personal development.

UCSI's A-Level students also get job or hospital attachments during their semester break, which imbue them with the benefits of hands-on practice, and also afford a glimpse into their future work environments.

Testament to its educational excellence, many of those students have obtained full or partial scholarships by institutions and organisations locally and abroad.

"Even the University of Melbourne accepts our A-Level students' forecast grades for direct entry into their degree programmes," Tan said.

UCSI opens doors for students around the world, and its generous financial aid programme ensures that prodigious ones from all economic backgrounds can afford quality education.

Scholarships are available for high achievers with 7As and above.

