

UCSI reserves 30 places for top scorers

KUALA LUMPUR: UCSI University has reserved 30 places for top students who fail to enter local public institutions of higher learning (IPTA). Of the 30 seats, 10 are for medicine and the rest in pharmacy.

MCA Youth chief Datuk Dr Wee Ka Siong said a discount of 10% to 15% in tuition fees would be offered to the students.

"We will also help them apply for the National Higher Education Fund (PTPTN) loan," he said, adding that further assistance would be extended to those with underprivileged background on a case-to-case basis.

He said this was a back-up plan initiated by the party's education bureau to help the students, adding that those confirmed to be unable to enter IPTA and those who scored a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.92 should apply.

He also revealed that the outcome of the students' appeal for university places would possibly be known by next week.

"I hope there will be good news. The most important is to ensure that all these top scorers will get a place (in universities)," he said.

UCSI's quality assurance and enhancement deputy vice-chancellor Assoc Prof Dr Toh Kian Kok said the applications must be submitted to the university by Sept 12.