

# Facon Education Fair offers a variety of choices

**S**TUDENTS looking forward to pursue their tertiary education are welcomed to visit the Facon Education Fair that features reputable local higher learning institutions and international pavilions.

The event, organised by Sphere Exhibits Malaysia Sdn Bhd and managed by Facon Exhibitions Sdn Bhd, will be touring Peninsular Malaysia between Dec 5 and Dec 18 this year.

Facon Exhibitions general manager Wong Kum San said they were expecting 50,000 visitors.

"We are targeting Form Five and Form Six students, young working adults, parents, as well as school counsellors.

He said besides the local institutions, the international pavilion would have more participation from Japan, with 50 booths, and South Korea, with 20 booths. This is on top of other international participants, including Singapore, Australia and the United Kingdom (UK).

Wong said this year, Facon Exhibitions would work with the BRAND'S @ SMART Achievers' Award.

For local institutions, one of the participants is Brickfields Asia College (BAC). BAC general manager and senior lecturer Daniel S. Abishegam said among the programmes offered by BAC were the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) A-Level, Foundation in Arts, UK Transfer Degree Programme (Business), accounting and finance, as well as law degrees.

He said BAC would collaborate with iTrain Malaysia to launch Asia Developers Academy (ADA), which was a first of a kind coding specific school in Malaysia.

"Interested participants can join the full-time three-month course or enrol in the part-time six-month course."

He said bursaries were available for students based on merit or selected criteria and early birds were eligible to enjoy rebates.

Another participant is Mahsa University, which offers healthcare, engineering, business and accounting courses, as well as the American Degree Transfer Programme.

Mahsa University sales head Rachel Fum said the university would launch a 20.2ha Bandar Saujana Putra Campus next year and the university also planned to build a hospital.

"Our main affiliated hospitals are Hospital Sungai Buloh and Hospital Kuala Lumpur," she said, adding that it provided ease for students' training placement.

UCSI University student enrolment centre advertising and promotions head Steve Goh said the university, which practiced a praxis concept, would offer a RM30million bursary in conjunction with its 30th anniversary.

"The scholarship is available for undergraduate and postgraduate studies. The undergraduate scholarships will cover the foundation year until the completion of bachelor degree."

He said UCSI graduates were highly employable as they had to go for a two-month internship each year, except for Medicine and Pharmacy students.

Among courses offered at the university are applied sciences, business and information science, engineering, technology and built environment, centre for languages, hospitality and tourism management, medicine and health sciences, pharmaceutical sciences, social sciences and liberal arts, creative arts and design, music and pre-university studies.

Another participant is Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, with 14 campuses including in Indonesia, China, Lesotho, Swaziland, Sierra Leone, Cambodia, Botswana and the UK.

Limkokwing PR and media relation executive Adeline Hew Mei Teng said the university had 30,000 students from 150 different countries.

"The courses range from business, design, architecture, games design, communication, film, broadcasting and fashion," she said.

"For scholarships, we have funding aid and partial scholarships for students with terms and conditions. This applies to all courses that Limkokwing University of Creative Technology offers, for undergraduate and postgraduate.

**Facon Education Fair will kick-start on Dec 5 at Kinta Riverfront Hotel & Suites in Ipoh; Holiday Villa Hotel in Alor Setar (Dec 6); Jen Hotel in Penang (Dec 7); Equatorial Hotel in Malacca (Dec 9); Persada Johor International Convention Centre in Johor Baru (Dec 17 and 18) and Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on the same day. The fair is open with free admission between 12pm and 6pm.**



(From left) Mahsa University sales head **Rachel Fum**, UCSI University student enrolment centre advertising and promotions head **Steve Goh**, Limkokwing University of Creative Technology graphic designer **Lee Wei Peng**, Limkokwing PR and media relation executive **Adeline Hew Mei Teng**, Brickfields Asia College associate editor **Premjay Canaganayagam** and BAC general manager and senior lecturer **Daniel S. Abishegam**.