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Tati stands out for Engineering studies

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TERENGGANU Advance Technical Institute offers Engineering degree and diploma programmes.

Tati's campus, which faces the South China Sea, is a 300-hectare complex offering a tranquil environment for students.

Tati was established in 1994, when its pioneer batch of 30 students were temporarily placed at Kolej Agama Sultan Zainal Abidin (Kusza) in Gong Badak, Kuala Terengganu.

As soon as the campus at Teluk Kalong in Kemaman was opened in 1996, the students 'came home' in time for the official opening by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Oct 11 the following year.

More than 500 students are pursuing various Engineering degrees at the institute.

Among the diploma courses provided by Tati are Tool and Die Making (TDM), Tool and Die Design (TDD), Information Technology (IT) and Mechatronics (MT).

For the Higher National Diploma, the courses available are Manufacturing Engineering (HME), Electrical and Electronics Engineering (HSE) and Software Engineering IT (HSE).

The institution boasts of an academic strength of 85 lecturers and 102 professionals.

Tati chief executive officer Prof Madya Dr Mohd Nawi Derahman said since last year Tati had conducted a twinning programme offering qualifications in Chemical and Electrical Engineering with Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.

"The current courses available for our twinning programme with UTM are Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering Electronic, Electrical Engineering Mekatronic, Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science Integration.

"For the 2000/2001 intake, we intend to increase the number of students."

Dr Nawawi said besides conducting diploma and degree courses, Tati also prepared 'pre-Tati courses' to prepare students for the programmes.

"By organising the programme, we hope school leavers, such as those with Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia certificate who do not have the opportunity to further their studies elsewhere will be able to take up Engineering or technical courses conducted by Tati," he said.

He said an agreement was reached recently between Tati and the Kolej Antarabangsa Terengganu to prepare students before they joined Tati.

He said 27 students were undergoing the programme for the 2000/2001 session.

As an expertise-based institution, it is their intention to become the first campus of its kind to produce professionals and semi-professionals in the high technology production sector in line with the country's aspirations to become an industrialised nation, he said.

Tati students are not only taught theories, but are exposed to hands-on experience provided by Tati Production Sdn Bhd which is located on the campus ground.

Tati Production managing director Ramli Shahul Hameed said Tati students were allowed to train with them.

Tati Student and Public Affairs manager Yusainy Yusop said the strategic location, which is hardly one hour's drive from Kuantan and less than 10 minutes to Chukai, plus the scenic sandy beaches, the campus was an ideal

spot for nature lovers.

"The majority of students find the complex very accommodating and relaxing."

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