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More courses at Multimedia U

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MULTIMEDIA University, the nation's first private university, is of the most sought-after tertiary educational institutions.

It opened its first campus in Bukit Beruang, Malacca, in 1997 and now has another in Cyberjaya, Kuala Lumpur.

Starting with about 1,000 students, it now has over 12,000, comprising locals and foreigners from 33 countries, mainly Asia and Africa.

This year, the university will offer some courses via satellite and multimedia with six other locations, namely Cyberjaya, Bukit Beruang, Kuantan, Kota Kinabalu, Penang and Kuching.

Its president, Professor Dr Ghauth Jasmon, said the project will begin by the middle of this year after it receives a grant of RM15 million from the Japanese International Cooperation Agency.

"This programme will enable a lecturer to simultaneously teach students at five campuses nation-wide.

"This will enable the university to accommodate more students, and at the same time, they can interact directly with the lecturers," he added.

He said when the programme is successfully implemented, the university plans to embark on strategic alliances with several Japanese universities for the exchange of notes, expertise, and lectures.

Throughout the years, the university has played an important role in producing students who are competent in Information Communication Technology, he said.

He said it is the Government's aspiration, especially of Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, to help provide trained labour and expertise for the Multimedia Super Corridor.

In line with this, the university plans to introduce several new courses this year, including Diploma in Telecommunications Engineering, Bachelor of Economics (Hons) in Industrial Economics, Knowledge Economy, Analytical Economics, International Economics, E-Commerce and Bachelor of Knowledge Management (Hons).

With the recent emphasis on biotechnology, Dr Ghauth said the university also plans to introduce a major in the subject by the end of the year of early next year as soon as it obtains accreditation from the National Accreditation Board.

For post-graduate courses, he said the university offers the Master's of Business Administration for as low as RM21,000 and this is relatively cheap compared to other local universities.

"The university also encourages students to have their Master's done by research and they are charged RM1,000 a year if they agree to have their qualification done by research.

"This subsidised charges are possible as the university has secured grants from various companies like Microsoft, Infineon Technologies, Ericsson, Nokia, Motorola, Lucent Technologies, Silicon Graphics and other major multinational corporations," he added.

Those interested in degree courses can contact the Cyberjaya campus at 03-83125090; the Malacca campus at 06-2523442; or visit: [www.mmu.edu.my](http://www.mmu.edu.my).

For postgraduate courses, call 03-83125276, the Malacca campus at 06-2523564; or access the online application at [www.mmu.edu.my](http://www.mmu.edu.my)

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