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Unitar option to Masters in IT field

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UNIVERSITI Tun Abdul Razak (Unitar), Malaysia's pioneer virtual university, has made another mark in the history of education in the country.

Established in 1997, Unitar was awarded the MSC-status in September last year; the first virtual university in the country and region to receive such a recognition.

The MSC-status certification was presented by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad last week, adding Unitar to the list of five other universities in the country to be awarded the status.

"The MSC status was awarded based on our three programmes, Master of Information Technology Management, Master of Information and Multimedia Technology and the Bachelor of Information Technology," said Prof Dr Khairuddin Hashim, Unitar's chief technology officer and dean of the Faculty of Information Technology.

He added that four core areas were looked into when assessment for the status was made; Internet and web publishing, computer security and disaster recovery, multimedia and e-commerce.

"We also submitted a list projects, which comprise certain areas such as online tutorial system, multimedia synchronisation, software engineering, neuro fuzzy cost estimations and e-learning," said Khairuddin.

Apart from the three IT programmes, the faculty also conducts the Bachelor of Information System, to meet the demand for the IT profession. Students undergoing the undergraduate programmes are required to work on attachment in the IT industry and be exposed to the real working environment and work situations.

The Master's programme is delivered in two modes - coursework and research. Students can select the appropriate mode that suits them best.

The concept of learning at Unitar is definitely unique. The online curriculum and learning, as well as face-to-face tutorial sessions, gives students a different learning experience as they get to use the latest in IT to communicate and study.

The university also teaches its students to be independent, communicate effectively in English, resourceful and competent. The academic experience is divided into online courseware course management and academic meetings.

A subsidiary of KUB Malaysia Bhd, Unitar currently has 11 regional study centres in the country. Basic facilities such as classrooms, workstations, administrative offices, network operation centre, IT shop, library, gymnasium, cybercafe and sports field are provided for the convenience of the students.

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