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UTAR strives to nurture a holistic approach

ENROL in Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman (UTAR) and you will be part of an institution which aims to be an incubator for innovation and creation of knowledge.

It aspires to be a premier university which achieves excellence in the advancement and dissemination of knowledge and expertise.

It strives to nurture a holtic approach in the development of the individual.

Thus, it is set to join Malaysia's premier universities, in line with the country's vision to prepare for a knowledge-based economy in the 21st century.

UTAR, established in 2002, is an extension of Kolej Tunku Abdul Rahman (KTAR). KTAR's alumni number about 100,000, many of whom have risen to be leaders and captains of industry in Malaysia.

UTAR was established on Aug 13, when Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad officially launched it.

UTAR's first intake, which started on June 10, received an overwhelming response. Although the next intake is in January, applications have started coming in.

UTAR has been established with the following faculties, institute and centre approved by the Ministry of Education.

They are the Faculty of Accountancy and Management, Faculty of Arts and Social Science, Faculty of Information and Communication Technology, Faculty of Engineering and Science, Faculty of Medicine and Health Science, Institute of Postgraduate Studies and Research and Centre for Extension Education.

All courses are approved by the Ministry of Education and National Accreditation Board.

UTAR places great importance on the market value of its programmes and the employability of its graduates. The degree programmes are geared towards industry demands.

As UTAR is a non-profit institution of higher learning, the fees are the most affordable among private educational institutions.

It has lined up a formidable lineup of academicians and scholars to be its external examiners.

They are Professor Nelson Phillipis from the University of Cambridge, Dr Robin A. Chatterjee (Cambridge), Dr T.T. Lui (University of Oxford), Professor Albert Wood-Harper (University of Salford, England) and Professor Edward Tsang Ping Kwan (University of Essex, England).

It will work closely with industry and international institutions to collaborate on research and enterprise.

Its students can apply for loans under the National Higher Education Loan Fund (PTPTN).

The four loan schemes available are from the PTPTN, Kojadi Education Loan Scheme, UTAR Kuok Foundation Student Loan Fund and UTAR Lee Foundation Student Loan Fund.

More loan schemes will be made available in the future.

The university has intakes in January and May.

It will hold opens days from Nov 28 to Dec 2 for the January intake, from 10m to 4.30pm daily at Lot 13, Jln 13/6, Petaling Jaya.

Students are encouraged to find out about their preferred courses in talks that will be held on Nov 30 and Dec 1.

It will participate in the Nanyang Siang Pau Education Fair 2002 at the Nanyang Siang Pau building at 1, Jalan SS7/2, Petaling Jaya on Nov 30 and Dec 1. The university's booth is Number 20.

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