

Studying in Tawau at the Least Cost – 3 Diploma Programmes of ISM are now opened for May Intake Registration

TAWAU: Many students are wondering where and what to study after the release of SPM results. When considering various options available, parents and students should relook at the costs associated with studying outside of Tawau, such as flight tickets, rentals, transportation costs, living expenses, etc. Why not consider studying in Tawau with the least cost incurred? On top of saving those costs mentioned above, students could enjoy studying diploma programmes in ISM with costs covered by the 'Zero Tuition Fee' scheme launched in February this year.

Not only has the institute been awarded with five-star College Based Ratings in 2014/2015 under the Malaysia Quality Evaluation System (MyQUEST), the diploma programmes of ISM have also been awarded five-star Cluster Based Ratings three times in 2012/2013, 2014/2015 and 2016/2017. This proves that the institute has never compromised in maintaining its quality of education throughout these years as the evaluation covers all aspects from curriculum, quality of academics, resources to physical facilities. Furthermore, the Diploma in Accounting has been exempted by ACCA board for three papers out of the 14 papers of ACCA.

The Institute of Science and Management (ISM), Tawau, first launched its Diploma in Business Studies programme in 2009. Due to the market demand in accountancy, another field of specialisation was added in 2015 – Diploma in Accounting. Owing to the commitment to produce relevant experts to fill up the manpower shortage in agriculture and aquaculture sectors, the institute introduced another new programme in 2017 – Diploma in Agribusiness Management.

Over the years, many cohorts of diploma graduates have been produced by the institute that have currently been absorbed into employment. Many graduates chose to continue studies by pursuing a degree on a credit transfer basis, both in local or overseas universities, with an exemption of one or two years in general. In short, students only have to study for three to four years in order to obtain both Diploma and Degree qualifications. Moreover, the institute has been working resiliently with other universities all over the world to provide further study opportunities to its diploma graduates. The articulating universities are: Anglia Ruskin University (UK), University College of Birmingham (UK), University of Cumbria (UK), University of Lincoln (UK), Loughborough College (UK), Middlesex University (UK), Teeside University (UK), Queensland University of Technology (Australia), Studialis (France), University of the Highlands and Islands (UK), PSB Academy (Singapore), University of South Australia (Australia), Letterkenny Institute of Technology (Ireland), Bangladesh Agricultural University (Bangladesh), Leading University (Bangladesh), Southampton Solent University (UK), Manchester Metropolitan University (UK), and Plymouth University (UK).

ISM's Diploma programmes have been designed with balanced ratio between closed book assessment and coursework. This is especially suitable for those who do not favour an examination-oriented programme, but rather wish to learn and to be assessed in a continuous mode. Besides acquiring knowledge, students will be exposed to real working life in one of the modules in the two-year programme – Industrial Attachment. This three-month internship not only allows students to gain valuable skills and experience, but also adds value to student's portfolio.

The three diploma programmes - Diploma in Business Studies, Diploma in Accounting, and Diploma in Agribusiness Management, are now opened for registration. The application deadline will be on 12 May. The programmes will commence on 14 May. For those who are interested to enrol, please visit our Student Services & Information Centre to obtain the registration form or simply download it from the official website of ISM at <http://www.ism.edu.my>. Should you have any enquiries, please call 089-779623 or email us via enquiry@ism.edu.my.