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As the new year kicks into full gear, it's time to make a resolution to enrich yourself by pursuing a solid education and laying the groundwork for a brighter tomorrow.

Nurturing future frontliners

MSU College offers the Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology to those who are interested in scientific discoveries and medical research in order to nurture future healthcare frontliners, notably as medical laboratory technologists.

It is one of the fastest-growing sectors in the healthcare field worldwide, and students who choose this path can find a variety of work opportunities in numerous industries such as hospitals, clinics, public health laboratories, pharmaceutical or chemical industries, biotechnology companies, veterinary clinics, research laboratories, transplant and blood donor centres and fertility clinics.

At MSU College, the programme is designed to provide students with well-balanced programmes that include academic knowledge and hands-on experience.

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Students will be exposed to a holistic learning experience, to build soft skills and all the necessary skills that are required for a professional medical lab technologist. The curriculum combines the knowledge of integrated education, health and education science labs.

Upon completion of the diploma, students may proceed to a bachelor's degree programme at Management and Science University (MSU) through the Faculty of



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Health and Life Sciences (FHLS) or International Medical School (IMS).

Another opportunity for students is the progression to the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme offered through IMS either in Shah Alam campus or in MSU offshore campus in Bangalore, India.

MSU College is also MSU APEL Centre for potential candidates to take the APEL Aptitude Test as the non-conventional pre-qualification for entry into higher studies, in which MSU currently offers APEL A and APEL C at T-3 (certificate), T-4 (diploma), T-6 (bachelor's degree), and T-7 (master's degree) levels.

■ For more information, call 03-5521 6868, email enquiry@msucollege.my or visit www.msucollege.edu.my

Financial aid a boon to students

TUNKU Abdul Rahman University of Management and Technology (TAR UMT) believes that everyone should have an equal chance to pursue quality and affordable education. This institution has been offering various kinds of financial aid for students to help lighten their parents' financial burden.

There are many types of financial aid available at TAR UMT. One of them is the TAR UMT Student Loan Fund. It is high in demand because it is interest-free and the loan covers the entire tuition fees of the recipients.

Among the many recipients of the Student Loan Fund, Sheryl Ho Xin Yi (pic) who benefited from the TARC – Toh Kim Eng Student Loan Fund, had much to say about it.

"Ever since I got the student loan fund, I did not have to worry about whether I would be able to pay my class fees when the new semester comes.

"I still did part-time work from time to time to make a better living, but thanks to the loan, I had less stress and more rest time, which gave me more energy and time to focus on my studies and complete my assignments," she said.

Sheryl comes from a single-parent family and the financial situation in her household was not positive when she first joined TAR UMT.

"My mother did her best to pay for my food expenses and rental fees, but the semester fees were a bit too heavy for us.

"I initially applied for the PTPTN loan but my application was not successful. I went for counselling at the Department of Student Affairs (DSA) at TAR UMT and that is when they suggested I apply for the Student Loan Fund," she shared.

Another financial aid option is the TAR



UMT PRIHATIN Flexi Payment Plan which aims to bring financial relief to students by providing greater flexibility in the first semester fees payment. The balance amount can be paid in two instalments, depending on the intake.

Besides that, there are many scholarships or bursaries available for those who are qualified. Some of it include The Star

Education Fund, Sin Chew Daily Education Fund, Nanyang Tertiary Education Fund, TAR UMT – TAA Scholarship, TAR UMT – TAA Scholarship (Top Glove), TAR UMT–JINBODHI Bursary, TAR UMT Sports Scholarship and Bursary for state/national players.

Apart from that, as part of their philanthropic efforts, many corporations and organisations extend their help to deserving TAR UMT students by providing scholarships and grants, namely Yayasan Ann Joo Undergraduate Scholarship, Hotayi Scholarship, Kuok Foundation Study Grants and C Y Tan Foundation.

TAR UMT also offers financial incentives such as sibling discount as a form of additional support to parents with two or more children studying at TAR UMT.

Under the sibling discount, students registering for the first time and with sibling(s) who are full-fee-paying student(s) in the same semester may be eligible for a discount of RM1,000 off their first semester tuition fee.

■ For more information, visit TAR UMT's Open Day which will be held at TAR UMT campuses nationwide from Jan 19 to 21, from 10am to 5pm. You can also call 011-1087 5854 or log on to www.tarc.edu.my for information about TAR UMT and to apply online.



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Academic Column

Take Advantage of 2 Global Campuses



Professor Wing Lam
Provost and Chief Executive Officer,
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Studying overseas is a dream for many Malaysians. However, in the current economic climate, studying abroad is now considerably more expensive and often out of reach for many families.

Fortunately, the University of Reading (UK), which is ranked 61 in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings 2023, offers a more affordable solution for students to achieve their aspirations of studying overseas.



With its international branch campus in EduCity Iskandar Johor, students have the option of completing their studies in Malaysia, the UK or both. For example, a student can study their foundation and the first year of their undergraduate degree in Malaysia, and complete their second and final year in the UK. Parents save significantly on the overall cost of their child's university education, but still benefit from an international experience.

The university's main Whiteknights campus in the UK is set on 130 hectares of beautiful parkland and has won the Green Flag award eleven times in a row, making it one of the UK's best green spaces. The campus was ranked #1 in the UK for best campus and facilities in the 2022 Annual StudentCrowd university awards. Reading town is also conveniently located, being only a 30-minute train ride from London, meaning that students have plenty to explore during the weekends.



Enriching learning experience

WHAT'S next after completing your SPM, STPM or pre-university studies? If you're looking for a compelling learning experience, Management and Science University (MSU) offers the perfect setting for quality education that is both transformative and enriching.

As a Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and multi-global ranked institution, which is among the top universities in Malaysia, Asia and the global stage, MSU has focused on building holistic human capital.

A visit to the MSU campus in Shah Alam, or other satellite campuses across the nation, enables both prospective students and their parents to get a feel of what life is like at MSU.

The university's award-winning academic programmes meet the stringent standards of local and international bodies.

MSU accreditors include the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, the UK's Accreditation Services for International Schools, Colleges and Universities (ASIC), Japan's Alliance on Business Education and Scholarship for Tomorrow, the Netherlands' Accreditation Council for Entrepreneurial and Engaged Universities, the UK's Institute of Biomedical Science, as well as Sri Lanka's University Grant Commission.

MSU currently ranks in the Top 100 among the world's top young

universities, Top 200 among Asia's best universities and Top 301+ for Graduate Employability Ranking.

The 2023 QS World University Rankings by Subject placed MSU in the World Top 50 Universities for Hospitality and Leisure Management, World Top 150 Universities for Art and Design, and World Top 350 Universities for Business and Management Studies.

As an applied and enterprise university focused on enhancing graduate employability, MSU's graduate employability currently ranks at 97.5% of its graduates successfully securing employment within six months of their graduation, according to the Higher Education Ministry's tracer study.

MSU is also rated by the ministry with the Setara Tier-5 Excellent Status for Emerging Universities, as well as being ranked The Most Entrepreneurial Private University in Malaysia.

Blending technical and vocational education and training (TVET) with traditional academic curricula, MSU enhances competencies with industry internship, community and creative entrepreneurship, as well as global exposure – empowering MSU graduates with the well-roundedness desired and sought after by employers.

MSU has also been awarded Platinum 5 Crowns by ASIC, and



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is QS-rated 5 Stars on the overall metrics, as well as individually across metrics such as teaching, graduate employability, academic development, internationalisation, online learning, social responsibility, inclusiveness, and hospitality and leisure management.

Extensive partnerships and collaborations with over 300 institutions, from more than 40 countries worldwide, provide comprehensive mobility opportunities for all MSU students, enhancing their graduate employability with global exposure through studies

and internships abroad.

These global programmes provide the international context through three pathways.

These pathways include the Global Mobility Programme (GMP) which allows students one semester and up to one year of studies at any of MSU's partner universities worldwide.

The Global Leadership Programme (GLP) prepares students to become the leaders of tomorrow in their chosen profession by developing in them a global mindset.

Structured to enhance their learning experience, GLP

involves short-term yet effective intercultural immersions abroad that allow insights into a student's chosen field of study through volunteering and academic-related activities.

The Global Internship Programme (GIP) prepares would-be graduates for their future lives of professional contribution to a globalised society by providing them with a period of work-integrated learning experiences in an international workplace setting.

Stepped in a culture of research and innovation, as well as social entrepreneurship, MSU comprises the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences, Faculty of Business Management and Professional Studies, Faculty of Information Sciences and Engineering, School of Education and Social Sciences, School of Hospitality and Creative Arts, School of Pharmacy and International Medical School, as well as the Post Graduate Centre and Centre for Fundamental Studies.

In all, as an applied, enterprise, holistic and international university, MSU offers foundation, undergraduate, postgraduate and flexible programmes through an entry system that facilitates the admission of students from all walks of life, as the institution aims to stick to its motto of transforming lives and enriching the future.





For qualifications that make a real difference to your career choices, look no farther than MSU College.

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