Enhancing professional knowledge

MANY working adults further their studies today to achieve personal growth and venture into new careers. The shortage of qualified teachers has prompted adult learners to take up education programmes that provide professional qualifications to upgrade their quality of teaching in educational institutions.

Dr Chan Kar Weng enrolled for the Master of Education (MEd) at Wawasan Open University (WOU) to enhance his job competency for his personal enrichment and professional advancement.

"The MEd programme helps me to see things from a different perspective. I can apply the study content, research knowledge and ethics in education in a non-educational establishment," he says.

He chose WOU for his studies because of the flexible timetable that allows him to work and study at the same time. "WOU provides me with the flexible learning hours that remove the boundaries of my learning," he adds.

Pursuing a programme at WOU is convenient as students can study from anywhere via its unique open distance learning (ODL) concept. "With WOU's learning management system, I can access my study materials anywhere, anytime," Dr Chan continues.

The MEd programme aims to enhance the knowledge base of learners on educational key elements like professional development, educational evaluation and educational research. It will give the learners a solid grasp of the diagnostic skills, tools and techniques to understand pedagogical as well as educational policy issues that are important in assessments and evaluations.

Professor Dr Santhiram Raman, dean of WOU's School of Education, Languages and Communications (SELC) says, "The long-term goal of the Ministry of Education is to upgrade the quality of the teaching profession to match with international standards. WOU's role complements the efforts of the ministry in providing the necessary training and qualifications to the education officers to equip them with the expertise and leadership skills needed to usher the education system into the 21st century and its challenges."

Learners can complete this 45-hour credit programme over a minimum of two years or stretch their studies for as long as they wish.

Graduates of this programme can seek appointment for better position in their educational institutions, or as academicians, administrators and researchers in institutions of higher learning.

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