Going the distance with open distance learning

WAWASAN Open University (WOU) is committed to helping people to finance their education for its Open Distance Learning (ODL) and On-Campus Learning (OCL) full-time programmes.

New students who enrol with WOU will enjoy financial aid in the form of study grant, fee rebate, scholarships and Intake Bursary Awards for its On-Campus Learning full-time students.

School-leaver Yeoh Jin Yeh, 21, is one of the recipients of the Intake Bursary Award, given to the first 50 students who enrol for full-time degree programmes at WOU.

Yeoh, a registered for the Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting programme, said the 30 per cent discount on his tuition fees would come in handy and help him to concentrate on his studies.

Yeoh had decided to study at WOU before knowing about this offer.

The youngest of four children, he has been working since June in a money-transfer company. During Form Five and Form Six, he worked in book stores and convenience stores.

Yeoh was delighted to learn about the award. Another recipient of the award is Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Management student Sherwin Ong Yee Khee, 20.

"It helps people like me who want to study. I have heard about WOU's good reputation, that it is a quality open university serving professionals.

"I wanted to study Management and WOU was the only private university in Penang offering that, and moreover, the fees are lower compared with others.

"I like to learn about human resources, communications and how to interact with people."

Enrolment for the February OCL intake is open.

New students who enrol for the January ODL intake are encouraged to apply for the WOU Study Grant.

Introduced in 2007, this one-off payment of up to RM600 is intended to subsidise the first semester tuition fees of new undergraduate degree students.

The WOU Study Grant has been awarded to more than 5,000 students.

WOU is also offering postgraduate programmes and interested candidates can apply through the open-entry admission system that allows professionals aged 35 and above to enter WOU's MBA programmes with a minimum STPM qualification or equivalent, provided they have two years' working experience at supervisory level and obtain a satisfactory score on the admission test.

For a limited time, WOU offers a fee rebate of up to RM400 for professional who enrol for its postgraduate or undergraduate degree programmes.

Visit WOU Info Day at the main campus, regional centres and support centres on Nov 30 and Dec 1.

For details, call 1-300-88-968 (WOU) or visit wou.edu.my.
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