Upgrading with WOU's technology degrees

SHANKAR Selasegeran sought to enhance his personal development and he realised just that when he signed up for a Bachelor of Technology (Hons) in Electronics (BTEL) at Wawasan Open University (WOU).

"A production technician in the oil and gas industry, the 26-year-old said, "I'm applying what I've learned in WOU for my career progress. It has yielded positive results. The BTEL programme enables me to expand my knowledge in my workplace and move ahead into professional or management level."

In addition to technical knowledge, he said the programme has also provided him with soft skills and other competencies.

For her part, Norazlina Nazri, 38, chose to pursue her Bachelor of Technology (Hons) in Construction Management (BTCM) at WOU as it is relevant to her field of work.

"This programme enhances my skills in the areas of cost estimating, system analysis, value engineering, and many other key responsibilities under a construction management approach to a major building project," said Norazlina, a civil technician who holds a Diploma in Architecture.

Through WOU's open distance learning (ODL) mode of study, working professionals can learn at their own pace, anytime and anywhere.

WOU's flexible programme allows Shankar to determine his own pace of learning without disrupting his work commitments.

"I'm not able to attend classes all the time due to my overseas job assignments. However, I could follow what the lecturer taught in class through the WOU study portal, WawasanLearn," he said.

WOU's School of Science and Technology (SST) offers more than 10 Bachelor of Technology (Hons) programmes for professionals seeking to upgrade themselves.

Among them are Electronics, Computer Systems and Networks, and Software Engineering. The SST also offers MBA degrees in Construction Management (MBA-CM), and Manufacturing and Production Management (MBA-MPM).

Enrolment for January 2015 intake is now in progress. WOU's unique Open Entry Admission System takes your work experience into consideration.

The university offers the Return to Study Allowance (RTSA) of up to RM400 to new undergraduate and postgraduate students. In addition, working professionals can also apply for the WOU Study Grant of up to RM600, offered in all new undergraduate programmes. Those keen can visit WOU's Open Day on Dec 13 and 14 at its main campus, regional centres and support centres nationwide.

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