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KUCHING: Wawasan Open University (WOU) will continue with a fully online delivery for its Open Distance Learning (ODL) mode of study until the end of June even after the movement control order (MCO) is lifted.

The university will not have face-to-face lectures or tutorials during this period to ensure the wellbeing of its students.

WOU vice-chancellor and chief executive Prof Lily Chan said: "We will make use of our established ODL virtual learning platforms, student support facilities, and other

online conveniences to facilitate the teaching and learning of our students without compromising on quality."

She said that WOU's ODL mode was well positioned to reduce the stress and anxiety of the students about their studies during these uncertain times.

"We wish to also protect our students against Covid-19 by keeping their physical interactions and movements to a bare minimum," she added in a statement yesterday.

Prof Chan said that WOU, being a

pioneer ODL institution in the country, would rely on its deep experience to deliver quality education on technology-based platforms.

She stressed, "WOU's versatile digital learning ecosystem helps students stay connected to their tutors, classes and content, no matter where they are and at their own pace."

She encouraged learners to use the opportunity to earn credentials towards a degree.

She explained that WOU offered micro-credentials where students are able to collect credits for the

award of a diploma or degree.

In addition, with the Accreditation of Prior Experiential Learning (Apel), working professionals could use their experience for entry into WOU to obtain higher qualifications and also earn credit hours.

She clarified that even students who are overseas and unable to return or in isolation could keep up with their learning, without wasting time.

"WOU offers a versatile education in various fields of study to prepare future-proof graduates who can take up the challenges

at the workplaces, which are fast evolving in the kind of jobs and the type of skills in demand," Prof Chan stated.

WOU, as part of its efforts of reaching out to students, is extending support with upgrades in Internet connectivity and the purchase of laptops to facilitate their learning.

Those interested can call the WOU toll-free careline no. 1-300-888-968 for inquiries or enrolment for the upcoming May and July 2020 intakes, or if they want to pursue micro-credentials.



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