

Full-time courses aplenty

WAWASAN Open University (WOU) is gaining recognition as a northern university of choice for on-campus degree programmes among STPM and diploma holders.

More than 500 students have enrolled at its main campus in Penang since it introduced full-time study in September 2013. To date, the university has produced 149 full-time degree graduates, including 64 from its 9th Convocation ceremony on Nov 24.

The affordable fees, seafront view and substantial financial incentives in the form of scholarships and grants have distinguished WOU as a 'people's university' that seeks to uplift society by

providing industry-relevant knowledge and skills.

It has gone beyond Penang, Kedah and northern Perak, with the recent September intake drawing a student from Kuantan, Pahang.

Wong Jue Shan, 23, who aims to be an accountant, enrolled in the Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting (BBAC) programme.

In spite of family hardship, the distance and inconvenience, she took public transport to check out WOU on her own and immediately enrolled after finding out about courses and the generous 5th Anniversary Grant offering a 50% tuition fee rebate for the entire

3-year programme.

She wants the Accounting degree to improve her family's socio-economic status, saying, "I want to get a better paying job to earn more and give back to my family."

Wong discovered WOU through the internet. She even visited a few institutions in Kuantan and elsewhere before deciding that WOU was her best option.

"Studying in a university is very important for me. I want to experience university life at WOU and make lots of friends.

"I also hope to improve my communication skills, especially in speaking English, and build up my self-confidence," she added.

WOU offers nine full-time degree programmes and a diploma programme in Business Management.

Besides Accounting, the other fields are Management, Banking & Finance, Sales & Marketing, Logistics & Supply Chain Management, Computer Systems & Networks, Psychology, Management with Psychology, and Software Engineering.

Enrolment for the February 2019 intake is currently ongoing.

The university is offering a 50% rebate on tuition fees for the entire duration of studies to the first 100 students who enrol.

For details, log on to wou.edu.my, call the toll-free careline at



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1-300-888-968 (WOU), or WhatsApp to 019-4749323.

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