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**MIRI :Wawasan Open University (WOU) has officially set up its Regional Learning Centre at Fajar International College (Fajar) here to cater for the needs of students from Miri and its surrounding areas.**

According to State Legislative Assembly (DUN) Deputy Speaker Dato Gerawat Gala, the smart collaboration between WOU and Fajar will not only benefit students in terms of a wider range of academic subjects to pursue but also for both Fajar and WOU in terms of increased student enrolment and greater synergy among their teaching staff.

“With this smart partnership and collaboration, WOU will become another premier learning centre in northern region of Sarawak for the growing population of students sitting for their SPM and STPM examinations every year, including students from Fajar and other colleges as well as learning institutions in the northern region,” he said.

Gerawat said this in his text-of-speech which was read by Telang Usan assemblyman Dennis Ngau who represented him to officiate at the launching ceremony held at Fajar International College Sevenew Campus in Pujut 7 here yesterday.

Also present were WOU chief executive and vice chancellor, Professor Lily Chan; director for WOU regional operation, Chong Kong Hoong and Fajar International College chief executive officer Dr Peter Tham.

Gerawat hoped that WOU and

Fajar would provide scholarships for average students from poor families who did not get accepted into public colleges and universities.

“I am aware that Fajar and WOU do offer scholarships to limited number of eligible students. However, the average and poor students especially from rural areas, who may not be accepted into public colleges and universities, but who wish to enrol in private colleges and universities may find it difficult to get scholarships due to their average exam results and academic performance.

“It is my hope that Fajar and WOU will seriously consider suitable programmes and assistance for this category of students who can be developed into professionals and semi-professionals,” he said.

WOU was established in 2006 with a unique and socially responsible objective to provide working Malaysians access to quality higher education via Open Distance Learning (ODL) regardless of their educational, ethnic or socio-economy background. The university has spread its wings in September 2013 to offer full-time degree programmes for STPM school leavers and diploma holders at its main campus in Penang.

Professor Lily Chan who spoke earlier said the university believes in providing education and lifelong learning opportunities to all people for self-enrichment and professional advancement. By opening the door to tertiary education, WOU ensures that more Malaysians are

now able to pursue an affordable degree.

WOU achieved Tier-5 or ‘excellent’ rating in the SETARA local university ranking exercise conducted by the Ministry of Higher Education between 2011 and 2013.

Its ODL approach is ideal for adult learners who seek to pursue tertiary qualifications for professional development and self enrichment in a flexible and affordable manner. More than 23,000 working professionals in Malaysia have to date experienced and learning opportunities at WOU while they continue in their jobs.

ODL involves face-to-face tutorial sessions with highly qualified tutors, comprehensive course materials and access to the e-library and Learning Management System (LMS), an online platform to input information and for online discussions or forum with peers, tutors and course coordinators.

With its official launching, WOU is calling for aspiring learners to enrol for its coming intake for Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Accounting, Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Management, Bachelor of Business (Hons) in Human Resource Management as well as Commonwealth Executive Master of Business Administration (CeMBA).

Further information can be obtained by calling their hotline 085-644803 or email to [query@kolejfajar.edu.my](mailto:query@kolejfajar.edu.my) or through their website at [www.kolejfajar.edu.my](http://www.kolejfajar.edu.my).



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