



From left: CIMP director John Futa, CIMP lecturer Terry Reich, NKF Malaysia chief executive officer Chua Hong Wei and CIMP lecturer Jaime Dale at the cheque presentation ceremony.

Book smarts, with a heart for those in need

THE Canadian International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) recognised a number of outstanding students during its recent graduation ceremony at Sunway College Kuala Lumpur.

Malaysian Cheryn Tong Ka Lyn emerged as a nominee for the Governor General's Academic Medal for achieving an average of 98% in her marks, which was the highest in her cohort. For this, she was also given the Tan Sri Jeffrey Cheah Award.

She was nominated for the award in the June 2013 CIMP graduation.

There were 192 graduates in total with 10 graduates achieving more than 90% average and 68 graduates with an average of more than 80% which was remarkable.

Tong, who is awaiting replies from a few universities in the United Kingdom said, "The CIMP was a great experience. It gave us room and flexibility to pursue our diverse interests and tapped our potential. The approachable lecturers were integral to the experience. I was always able to turn to them for guidance. I'm really grateful for my time in CIMP."

Bangladeshi Md Abu Sayed was honoured as the valedictorian at the graduation. He contributed in the programme's extra-curricular activities and was a good student.

Malaysian Simerpreet Kaur received the Programme Award for her above 90% average marks and active involvement in CIMP activities. She received her award from CIMP director John Futa.

Simerpreet was an active participant of the choir, talent night, editorial board (January-June 2012) and was a Sunway ambassador. She will be pursuing a Bachelor of Engineering at Monash University, Sunway campus, soon.

The CIMP is an international pre-university programme that follows the Canadian Year 12 curriculum mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Education, Canada. Some 80% of the CIMP teachers are Ontario (Canadian) certified teachers.

Students have a chance to participate in community service programmes during the course of their studies.

Extending learning to outside the classroom, the CIMP students organised a charity

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drive to raise money for the National Kidney Foundation of Malaysia (NKF). The students were given the liberty to execute any activity they wanted, to raise as much money as they could for the NKF.

A two-day drive held at the Sunway Campus and a barbecue organised by the teachers raised over RM15,000.

Lecturer Jaime Dale said, "The students had the opportunity to pick up numerous skills during this endeavour. They were able to develop teamwork by organising the event. They also developed leadership skills within the class setting and school environment and focused on their responsibility to create and implement ideas and run the activity smoothly. Business skills were also put to the test as they participated in advertising, marketing, sales and accounting."

The charity fair is one of the many examples of extra-curricular activities. The experience obtained from this programme goes beyond the classroom as social skills are prioritised.

Student See Kae Nee said, "To raise funds, we decided to sell teddy bears with hand-made vests, skirts and accessories. Apart from thinking of innovative ideas to get students' attention, we learnt how to market and promote our products. We also learnt how to work together towards a goal and practise good time management skills as we only had less than one month to prepare, work and develop ideas."

The next intake for CIMP will be in July.

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