

'Ambitious' activities for accounting students

RECOGNISING that ambition alone is not enough in today's competitive working environment, Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TARC) aimed to take learning a step further through the ACCA-TARC Student Conference.

Jointly organised with the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), the conference equipped students with an insight into practical working life and inspired them to be "ferociously ambitious".

A total of 208 second-year students from the Diploma in Business Studies (Accounting) programme participated in the two-day conference held in Rawang.

Among the activities was a forum with a panel of industry bigwigs such as KPMG audit partner Mok Wan Kong, Oracle financial controller Dr Ng Boon Beng, and ACCA Malaysia acting country head Jennifer Lopez.

Lopez said that the initiative hoped to bring the world of business alive for students and provide them a head start for their future.

"The discussion forum and team-building activities embedded within the conference have successfully shifted the students' perspectives



Team effort: The students busy working on ideas for a cost-effective home during one of the activities.

that accountants today are no longer back room bean counters, but play key roles in the sustainability and success of an organisation," she said.

Joshua Joseph Jeyaraj, a second-year Advanced Diploma in Commerce (Financial Accounting) student, said that it was enlightening listening to the forum speakers talk about real-life job experiences.

"I also enjoyed the team-building game as we had to build a house out of items which we purchased with a specific amount of money allocated to us," he said.

"We had to work within our budget in order to succeed.

"The game was truly an application of what we had learnt in our accounting studies."