

TAR College provides industry relevant **science** and **IT** education

TAR College principal Dr Tan Chik Heok presenting the prize to the champion team for the software design competition at the TAR College ICT Showcase, witnessed by Dr Ng Swee Chin (far right), Head of School of Arts and Science.



CELEBRATING 40 years of academic excellence, TAR College has always been committed to provide quality and affordable education to young Malaysians. In line with this, the college's School of Arts and Science (SAS) offers various market-driven programmes, such as chemistry and biology, information systems engineering, business information systems, computer science, microelectronics, internet technology and interactive software technology.

The SAS students have the advantage of obtaining a US degree from Campbell University without having to go overseas. At the advanced diploma level, students are prepared to simultaneously sit for external examinations that lead to the completion of Bachelor of Science (BS) Degree conducted by SAS in conjunction with Campbell University. The university is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, USA, to award the BS Degree conducted at TAR College.

To ensure the relevance of its programmes, TAR College has been adopting a proactive outlook in identifying industry needs in its curriculum planning. The college has entered into collaboration and partnerships with specialist organisations and institutions to provide students with the latest industry-based applications, technical know-how and software, leading to professional and technical certifications which are incorporated into the relevant programmes.

These include incorporating professional certification curriculum such as Cisco Certified Network Associates (CCNA) and network security into networking-related courses, Novell Certified Linux Professional programmes into information systems programmes, SAP modules into business information systems courses as well as incorporating the latest programming concepts and tools governed under either Java development teams or Microsoft Developer Network Academic Alliance (MSDN AA) into the respective programme of studies.

Due to concerted efforts to promote students to go for the CCNA certification, TAR College was awarded "In Recognition of Great Collaborative Efforts for Student Certification" during the 4th Cisco Networking Academy Annual Conference 2009. The college was also awarded the "Best Novell Academic Training Partner 2009" at the NATP Summit 2009. The NCL Solutions and TAR College collaboration has led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on SUSE Linux Innovation Club Evangelist (SLICE) programme to mark a higher level of synergy for more new and dynamic collaborative activities.

In addition, TAR College has also been organising the ICT Showcase annually since 2006 to expose the students to the latest ICT information and communication technologies.

The 2009 ICT Showcase held in November was held on a bigger scale with the increase in the numbers of competitions, from one competition in 2008 to three for last year.

All these internal competitions are to prepare students later for the national level competitions, which are Microsoft Imagine Cup, Cisco National Networking Skills Competition and also the up-coming MSC IHL Business Plan Competition.

Dr Tan Chik Heok, principal of TAR College in his speech at the 2009 ICT Showcase said: "This event provides a very good platform for students and staff to learn about the latest ICT technologies from participating companies and is also as a platform to foster closer collaboration."

The success of the event reflects the excellent efforts of the college in providing experiential and collaborative learning to enhance the students' marketability on graduation.

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