CHOOSING how and where to study is one of the most important decisions students have to make when preparing for upcoming exams. So do they study with a tuition provider, or self-study at home? How do they decide which institution with ACCA programmes best suits their needs?

With so many tuition providers offering ACCA qualifications, and with so many different study methods, selecting one might be a mind-boggling task. Recommendations from friends and colleagues can provide some guidance, but what is suitable for one individual may not be the option for another.

"High-quality tuition is fundamental to ACCA's growth and reputation, and ACCA encourages everything it can to signpost quality tuition to students, especially through the Approved Learning Partner (ALP) - Student Tuition programme. Launched in October 2007, replacing the University and College Registration Scheme (UCRS), the programme gives formal recognition to leading tuition providers who offer quality tuition and support to ACCA students," said Alan Hatfield, ACCA's Head of Learning Partnerships.

**Accreditation**

Under the ALP programmes, there are two accreditations left: Gold and Platinum. The accreditation is awarded to tuition providers who meet the challenging performance targets set by ACCA. Gold and Platinum approvals are only granted to high-quality tuition providers that ACCA can confidently recommend to students.

Gold approval is the first level of accreditation and requires tuition providers to meet certain performance targets. Gold providers are expected to offer a high-quality learning experience and meet certain standards set by ACCA.

Platinum approval, which is the highest level of accreditation, requires tuition providers to meet even higher standards and demonstrate exceptional performance in terms of tuition quality, student outcomes, and customer satisfaction. Platinum providers are expected to offer a world-class learning experience and consistently meet the highest standards set by ACCA.

**Quality teaching facilities**

During the ACCA's 2007 visit to Malaysia, it was announced that two colleges in Malaysia - Sunway University College and Tunku Abdul Rahman College (TAR College) - have been awarded the Platinum status.

Commenting on the achievements of both colleges, Mrs Gillian Ball, ACCA President said, "We are delighted to welcome both colleges into ACCA's new Approved Learning Partner - Student Tuition programme, after meeting ACCA assessment for the programme. Sunway and TAR College commit to demonstrate their dedication to delivering high-quality ACCA tuition and student support. Their commitment to producing future ACCA members means no bounds and they are ACCA learning partners in every sense."

Platinum status is the highest ACCA accreditation given to tuition providers worldwide. Both colleges now join the rank of Top 10% of ACCA tuition providers throughout the world.

The ACCA colleges listed in Malaysia according to status are:

- **Platinum**
  - Sunway University College
  - TAR College

- **Gold**
  - Institut Perkim-Goon
  - Mo Orange Institute
  - SEGI College KL
  - Universiti Teknologi Mara (UITM)
  - Cadus Business School
  - FTMS Global Kuching

*Correct as of November 26, 2007.*

Students are strongly encouraged to contact ACCA Malaysia office for any updates in the list.