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Kolej Risda offers the Diploma in Agriculture, Diploma in Estate Management and Pre-Diploma in Science programmes.

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The Diploma in Agriculture is conducted with Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) and the Diploma in Estate Management is a co-operation with Universiti Teknologi Mara. The Pre-Diploma in Science

is a "feeder" programme be-

fore students move to the Diploma in Estate Management.

Kolej Risda is adding a Diploma in Landscape and Horticulture Management, which is pending approval from the Ministry of Higher Education.

It is the only private higher learning institution (IPTS) that conducts agriculture courses at the diploma level.

One of its students was awarded the best overall student among all IPTSes that conduct joint programmes with UPM for the Diploma in Agriculture at the ninth UPM convocation last year.

All professional and vocational programmes at Kolej Risda have been approved by the Ministry of Higher Education and accredited by the Malaysian Qualification Agen-

cy. The programmes are con-ducted at Kolej Risda in

Other programmes avail-able at the college are Diploma in Accountancy, Diploma in Entrepreneurship, Certifi-cate in Business Management and Certificate in Computer Science.

Its campus has wide estate and practical areas for agricultural activities, beside beingequipped with a library and a computer laboratory.

Up to 98 per cent of the college students obtained their financing and sponsorship from the National Higher Education Fund Corporation, Mara and others

Kolej Risda offers shortterm skills courses such as beauty, tailoring, shipping,

mobile phone repairs, electri-cal, welding, bakery, pastry and computer repairs. The course are are funded

by Risda and the Ministry of Rural and Regional Develop-ment. This shows the commitment of the college to uplift the

children of smallholders and the rural community.

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