

ELS Malaysia awards scholarships

ELS Language Centres Malaysia (ELS Malaysia) will be awarding 150 Certified Intensive English Programme (CIEP) scholarships worth RM622,500 to undergraduate students from Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM).

"ELS admires the upholding of the standard of English in UPM, and therefore has embarked on this scholarship initiative to help accelerate the improvement of English proficiency among the university's Malaysian students," ELS Malaysia principal Chee Yin Looi said.

The CIEP focuses on key skills such as listening, speaking, reading, writing, vocabulary and grammar; all of which are incorporated into practical application-based activity exercises. This, in turn, will allow students the chance to practise English in various scenarios.

The scholarships were made available to undergraduate Malaysian UPM students who scored Band 1 and 2 in the Malaysian University English Test (MUET). Selected candidates will be awarded to study at the CIEP for two sessions from July 1 to Aug 30.

ELS Malaysia and UPM's mission is to help students improve their English proficiency in both speaking and writing. Through the programme, they hope to make young Malaysian undergraduates understand the importance of a good command of English to succeed in the real world.

"I'm happy and grateful to ELS for the students to be given such valuable opportunity. At UPM, we strive to improve the English proficiency standards of our students. We also value the importance of good English language competency for our graduates to attain the best jobs in the global market. We thank ELS and appreciate such generous contributions," UPM deputy vice chancellor (Academic & International) Prof Datin Paduka Dr Aini Ideris said.

The CIEP is a 10-level English for Academic Purposes (EAP) programme that provides a total duration of 112 instructional hours per level over a four-week session.

Candidates are required to take an ELS Placement Test to identify their proficiency level.

Classes are conducted at the ELS centre located in UPM, Kuala Lumpur and Subang Jaya.



Chee says the scholarship initiative is to improve English proficiency among the students.