KUCHING: The best qualification to a good university overseas is still GCE A-Levels, as more Malaysians pursue degrees abroad in a trend that has increased by 36 per cent from the 1990's, at least according to online news agency 'The Pie News'.

For parents planning their children’s pre-university studies, GCE A-Levels is definitely the best certificate to secure a place at any of the best universities around the world after SPM. In a recent Centre for Pre-U studies (CPU) Graduation and Awards Day, the Best Achievement student Carman Yu Wai Man secured GCE A-Levels in UCSI University as a stepping stone to an overseas university.

"Studying A-Levels at UCSI University prepared a platform for me to further my degree in an overseas university," she said. Yu secured a seat for Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Actuarial Science at Hong Kong’s University and University of Melbourne as soon as she got her A-Levels result.

"I choose to further my studies in Actuarial Science due to my interest in mathematics and I love to challenge myself in risk management," she said.

"University life is very different from high school. As undergrads, we are required to show leadership skills, independence and discipline in completing a task whereby in high school, we were guided all the way by our teachers. "I manage to get used to university life here before I am sent overseas where I will have to go through everything there independently," she pointed out.

She said the CPU lecturers not only assisted her in studies but were always ready to lend a helping hand whenever they needed encouragement.

"UCSI University is definitely a place full of love, care and a learning experience," Yu added.

The programme coordinator of Centre for Pre-U Studies, Mukvinder Sandhu commented: "Yu is an independent learner and she has always had the drive to excel in her studies. She is one of the top students of the centre who will certainly shine in her future academic endeavours. I am confident to say that she is all ready to take on university life."

Apart from A-Levels, UCSI’s CPU also offers Foundation Studies in both Arts and Science streams as pre-university requirement for degree programmes such as medicine, pharmacy, biotechnology, food science and nutrition, architecture, engineering and many more.

The centre has produced students who 'graduated' to prestigious UK and Australian universities each year, in degree programmes such as pharmacy, medicine, engineering, dentistry, architecture and applied sciences.

The most popular universities among these are the University of Queensland in Australia and University of Portsmouth in UK.

An English Enrichment Programme is also offered to international students who may lack the English requirements for their chosen course at UCSI.

For further enquiries, contact UCSI University Sarawak Campus at 082-455255 or visit www.ucsi.edu.my/sarawak.
DAY OF RECKONING: Mukinder (right) congratulating Yu for receiving The Best Achievement Award at the Centre for Pre-U Studies' Graduation and Awards Day.