

# 272 scholarships up for grabs at fair

## Grants cover a wide range of disciplines

**PETALING JAYA:** The Star Education Fund is offering 272 scholarships worth RM13.3mil during the two-day Star Education Fair 2017 this weekend at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Star Education Fund manager Susanna Kuan said this was an increase from the 241 scholarships last year.

"We thank our 29 partners-in-education for their generosity in providing the scholarships to the fund," she said.

These scholarships cover a wide range of fields and disciplines, from entry-level courses to undergraduate programmes, professional studies to vocational training. They are all bond-free.

Kuan said Quest International University Perak and Oriental Nilam College of Nursing, which are joining the fund for the first time, were offering scholarships in Bachelor of Medicine & Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and Diploma in Nursing respectively.

She said the fund's top four partner institutions, namely Sunway University, Taylor's University, UCSI University Trust and The University of Nottingham Malaysia Campus are providing scholarships worth more than RM1mil each.

To be eligible for Star Education Fund scholarships, students must be Malaysian citizens and no older than 25 as of Jan 1 for undergraduate courses.

Kuan said that while good grades were important, students need not be straight-A scorers to secure a scholarship.

"The applicant's family background is also taken into consideration, as well as their participation in co-curricular activities.

"We do look for students who can demonstrate leadership qualities," she added.

She explained that every scholarship application was vetted by representatives from *The Star* and its partner institutions.

Since 1994, the Star Education Fund has benefited 3,582 students with scholarships worth RM108.3mil.

Past scholarship recipients will be present at the Star Education Fund booth on both days of the fair in Hall 3 of the convention centre, and will share their experiences and

answer related questions.

Methodist College Kuala Lumpur marketing manager Reuben Chan Chien Chern will give a talk titled "Are You Prepared to Apply for Scholarships After High School?".

Chan will share tips on how to improve one's chances in securing a scholarship.

The presentations from Chan and Kuan will take place on the second day of the Star Education Fair 2017 from 1.35pm to 2.20pm at Hall 1 (Stage Area), of the convention centre.

Representatives from the National Higher Education Fund Corporation (PTPTN) will also be present on both days of the fair at Hall 3.

Finance Accreditation Agency (FAA) chief executive officer Khairul Nizam Md Som said getting employed does not depend solely on the graduates' academic results as it largely depends on the various skills they have as well.

Khairul Nizam, who will focus on "Future Employment Skills", will be highlighting the three broad skills required by graduates and how students could acquire these skills while they are in universities.

"These skills include project management, English proficiency and general knowledge," he said.

His session will be on from 2.20pm to 2.50pm at Hall 1 (Stage Area), Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre on Saturday.

The Education & Career Talks are organised by Star Media Group Bhd, with the Finance Accreditation Agency as accreditation partner.

Free KFC vouchers worth RM5 will be given away to students.

They will need to register at Link Hall 3 to redeem the vouchers, which are limited to one per person on a first-come, first-served basis. Terms and conditions apply.

Students unsure of what to do after SPM or STPM can meet with experts on pre-university education, as well as counsellors and representatives from over 150 foreign and local institutions which will offer information on a range of certificate, foundation, diploma and postgraduate courses, as well as professional qualifications.

The Star Education Fair 2017 is on Jan 7 and 8, at Exhibition Halls 1 to 5 at the Kuala Lumpur Convention Centre.

Opening hours are from 11am to 7pm and admission is free.

For more details, call 03-7967 1388 (ext 1233/1466).

See the advertisement on Education & Career Talks on Page 20 of the Star Education Supplement today.



**Khairul:** Will speak on skills required for employment.



**Kuan:** Looking for students with leadership qualities.



**Chan:** Will share tips on securing scholarships.