

# Quality teaching

**T**HE CANADIAN International Matriculation Programme (CIMP) is one of six pre-university programmes provided by Sunway College. It offers a curriculum approved by the Ontario (Canada) Ministry of Education, where students are taught by some of the best teachers in the world with 80% Ontario-certified teachers.

Director of CIMP, Sunway College and Principal of Sunway International School (SIS) John Berchmans Mackle (*pic*) is also an Ontario-certified teacher.

He has served in the field of education for 38 years and has been in Sunway since 2013.

"Sunway College has a progressive vision for education," Mackle said. "The fact that the CIMP was established here 25 years ago and in 2008, the establishment of SIS - the only grade seven to 11 programme offering Ontario curriculum in Malaysia is evidence that the Sunway management wants to offer families or students choice of among the best education systems in the world.

"The Ontario education system has been recognised by McKinsey and Co researchers to be among the best English-speaking school jurisdictions in the world," Mackle added.

The Ontario-certified teachers at Sunway College are Canadian expatriates who have a minimum of two degrees, one of which would be from a Canadian Faculty of Education. For them to remain as members of the Ontario College of Teachers, they must recertify their qualifications annually, which serve as testimonies for passing their extensive training in.

This includes effective classroom management approaches, the most recent research in assessment styles, a broad range of teaching and learning methods, successful and meaningful use of educational technology and strategies to moti-

vate and create student leaders.

The thorough teacher preparation and ongoing in-service requirements to remain current with the latest Ontario policy and programme revisions create a dynamic and successful pre-university experience at CIMP. The teachers are also dedicated in building good relationships with students through daily counselling and engaging students in co-curricular activities.

These ensure CIMP students are fully equipped with the necessary academic and interpersonal skills required in the global world. The programme is a seamless transition from secondary to tertiary education where students are taught to learn independently, communicate effectively in English and develop leadership qualities through participation in extracurricular activities.

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dent-centred learning community where all members learn together. I believe that we must use various assessment strategies which will help each student self-assess as well as provide teachers with ample data in helping plan new and better teaching or learning strategies to further improve learning.

"I also believe every student has the potential to change the world, but working together and sharing our talents and passion, we will have much larger and more profound impact at a personal, interpersonal and societal level."

Sunway's CIMP has grown to become one of the largest in the world with students coming from more than 70 countries, including Australia, Kenya, Japan, South Korea, China, Kazakhstan and Indonesia, as well as many Middle Eastern countries.



Regardless of ethnicity and learning background, students work towards making a positive difference in learning with one another and with the community.

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