

## EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

# Perdana teams up with prominent schools

**T**HE teaching philosophy at Perdana University is motivated by an ambition to become one of the world's premier institutions for medical education, research and service.

"We strive to develop practitioners with critical thinking skills, dedicated to the acquisition and creation of knowledge and with a desire to serve humanity with the highest professional and ethical standards," said Vice-Chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Sothi Rachagan.

Perdana's flagship graduate entry medical programme is offered in partnership with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in the US and follows the latter's Genes To Society curriculum.

A substantial number of the faculty is from Johns Hopkins and selected re-

search students can carry out some of their studies at the US institution.

Through another collaboration with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Perdana University's students can earn an Irish Doctor of Medicine degree and bachelor degrees in medicine, surgery and obstetrics.

Perdana University also offers programmes in the fields of Occupational Therapy and Bioinformatics.

There is a global demand for professionally trained occupational therapists, and this is also the case in Malaysia.

Currently, Malaysia has about 1,200 registered occupational therapists with only two-thirds in practice.

According to the World Health Organisation (WHO), 15 per cent of the world's population or, 700 million peo-

ple live with disabilities.

Occupational therapists contribute to the environmental changes people face and provide strategies to keep people living in their home as independently as possible.

Occupational therapists are needed in a variety of healthcare contexts. Occupational therapists offer rehabilitative care at hospitals and centres catering to the needs of accident victims, spastic and intellectually challenged children.

The Perdana University School of Occupational Therapy (PUScOT) is currently offering a degree programme in occupational therapy.

Its first intake is in September this year. It is a four-year degree programme, developed in consultation with the World Federation of Occu-



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pational Therapists.

The programme offers 1,360 clinical hours and fulfils the 1,000 hours required by the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT).

WFOT personnel are also on board as advisers for the curriculum and the programme also includes adjunct renowned faculty from Australia, the US, Philippines and Singapore.

The Dean of PUScOT is Professor Nathan Vytialingam.

He is also the president of Asia Pacific Occupational Therapist Regional Group, and the former vice-president of the World Federation of Occupational Therapists.

The faculty also includes academicians with different expertise in the fields of occupational therapy such as hand therapy, mental health, work rehabilitation and paediatrics.

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