# NEWS UPDATE

## UTAR OFFERS DEGREE IN CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

UNIVERSITI Tunku Abdul Rahman (Utar) is starting a new three-year Bachelor of Science (Honours) Construction Management programme under the Faculty of Engineering and Science at its Setapak campus.

The programme will cover specialised areas such as construction technology, quantity surveying, contract administration, commercial management, construction/project management and computer applications in construction.

According to Utar, it will provide students with a thorough understanding of the entire construction and development process of a project, from the brief issued to the lead consultant in the design and planning stage to the construction, completion, occupation and maintenance of the project.

## NON-MEDICAL FIELDS JUST AS REWARDING, SCHOLARS TOLD

Students should also explore possibilities beyond medicine as multinational companies have high-paying vacancies waiting to be filled, said Human Resources Minister Datuk Dr Fong Chan Onn.

"Medicine is not the only rewarding occupation. There are other equally financially fulfilling and emotionally satisfying careers such as engineering, finance and biotechnology," he said recently responding to a question on why many students were still drawn to medicine and law.

He added that many bright graduates with engineering, finance and biotechnology backgrounds had led successful careers as venture capitalists in San Francisco as well as financial analysts in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur.

He said big companies were in dire need of executives in engineering adding that companies such as Intel and Motorola had hundreds of vacancies for engineers in the research and development department and the starting salaries were equally attractive – in the region of RM2,000 to RM2,500.

## INFRARED THERMOGRAPHERS CONFERENCE

Inframatrix 2004, poised to be the biggest infrared thermography event in the Asia-Pacific

Region (AP), will serve as a major platform for thermographers around the world to gather and share their experience with each other. Focus will be given to issues and applications with more relevance to infrared thermography activities around the AP region.

Inframatrix 2004 will be held from 1-3 SEPTEMBER 2004 with an estimated crowd of 300 thermographers from around the world.

Approximately 15 papers will be presented during the event from speakers from the United Kingdom, Singapore, Sweden, Australia, Malaysia, Taiwan and China.

Speakers will touch on various new found applications for infrared thermo-0graphy as well as further success stories of traditional applications of infrared thermography in major industries like Power, Petrochemical, Electronics and others. ■

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