

Sarawak

Mayor: AeU to boost higher education opportunities

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MIRI: The entry of Asia e University (AeU) in a tie-up with Fajar International College (Fajar) will boost the city standing as a centre of higher learning.


A high-level delegation led by AeU president and CEO Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed and Fajar CEO Dr Peter Tham paid a courtesy call on mayor Lawrence Lai at Miri Marriot Resort and Spa here recently.

"We welcome the entry of AeU into Miri which will help boost the city's businesses like tourism and higher education," said Lai who congratulated AeU and Fajar for providing another avenue for higher education. This will help produce more qualified people here..

Lai saw it as a good sign that AeU have chosen the city, deeming it worthy of investment.

"Miri is a big catchment area for far-flung places like Limbang and Lawas in the vast northern zone of Sarawak," he noted.

Lai was happy with the initiative taken by the private higher education sector to position Miri as one of the premier higher education centres in the country.

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“This initiative will support Malaysia’s plan for 2020 with targets of becoming a developed nation with high income nation status,” he added.

Meanwhile, Ansary explained what AeU has to offer, highlighted courses at competitive prices from RM20,000 for a four-year first degree course, RM25,000 for 18-month Master degree and RM35,000 for four-year doctorate on part-time basis.

“We also welcome open-entry students – those without SPM but only PMR as long as they have sufficient working experience,” said Ansary who considered it to be good news for working adults desirous of upgrading their academic record and qualifications for the job marketplace.

For more information, visit Fajar website at www.kolejfajar.edu.my or call the office at 085-413778.

Ansary said AEU is a three-year-old government-private higher education centre with its headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. It is also a collaborative multinational university under the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) countries with presence in 31 countries and an active expansion into 12 countries.

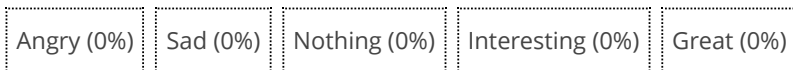
“The e in AEU does not just stand for electronic, but also efficient learning, among other things,” he added..

Apart from offering courses in IT, hospitality, and business, AEU is also moving into a new area by having an arrangement with the government to conduct teacher training..

Tham envisioned Fajar becoming the low-cost provider of quality education, ala budget airline AirAsia, which will help spread higher education among lower-income groups faster in the vast rural Sarawak..



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