



**Shalina Kaur Bhupinder Singh**, a Bachelor of Education (TESL) student at Asia e University, draws up her own study routine.

## Blended learning offers flexibility

**A**SIA e University is an international university established in 2007 and has grown to become one of the leading providers of online distance learning in Malaysia, under the auspices of Asia Cooperation Dialogue with the support of 33 Asian countries.

AeU has an enrolment of more than 15,000 students internationally and has graduated more than 5,000 graduates.

AeU has received honours and awards, such as the winner of Brand Laureate Awards 2010 for "Best Brand in Education — e-Education", the winner of the Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Awards 2010 under the "Most Promising Entrepreneur" category and the Multimedia Super Corridor status award.

Students can choose between full-time or part-time modes of study through its online, blended learning and even work-based learning. Programmes are accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Three to five face-to-face sessions for each class per semester will be conducted for part-time students and learning materials will be uploaded for students to download, read and practise.

The blended learning mode consists of classroom training during weekends, home study, praxis learning as well as counselling in connection with the project report.

This allows students to take electives and specialisations while working.

AeU offers more than 40 programmes through five schools: the School of Management, School of Education & Cognitive Sciences, School of Information & Communications Technology, School of Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences and School of Graduate Studies. All academic programmes are internationally benchmarked, approved by the Education Ministry and accredited by the Malaysian Qualifications Agency.

Its Flexible Open Entry System provides more opportunities for people to study.

AeU provides tutorial sessions once a month at its 26 learning centres in cities, including those in rural areas such as Ranau and Kota Marudu in Sabah.

They are equipped with tutorial rooms, com-

puter laboratories and academic resource centres with Internet facilities.

The delivery method is via face-to-face tutorials, online forums and discussions, printed modules, CD and web-based delivery.

AeU's physical and digital library is called the Knowledge Centre. The centre holds print and online formats from all over the world. It has more than 7,000 titles of printed books and subscribes to more than 100,000 e-books, 71,000 e-journals and 1.6 million e-theses titles accessible in full-text versions.

The university offers financial aids and incentives, including the AeU Merit Scholarship for top-performing students, 50 per cent discount for senior citizens who are 55 and above, and 75 per cent discount for disabled people.

AeU helps students to apply for PTPTN loans and EPF withdrawal assistance, MyBrain15 Sponsorships (for doctoral and master's degrees only) and Human Resource Development Fund.

Shalina Kaur Bhupinder Singh, a Bachelor of Education (TESL) student at AeU, said: "With its blended pedagogy of online, face-to-face tutorials and self-instructional modules, AeU is truly appealing. I draw up my study routine and have time for personal or social commitments."

For graduate diploma and bachelor's degree programmes, open-entry candidates must be at least 21 years old and possess a minimum of O levels, SPM or equivalent.

For master's degree programmes, candidates must be at least 35 years old and possess a minimum of A Level, STPM, diploma or equivalent or prior learning relevant to the programme.

There are three intakes every year: January, May and September. Registration is available online, and at-counter registration at AeU's main campus, Jalan Sultan Sulaiman, Kuala Lumpur, or at any of its learning centres.

Though registrations are open based on the month of intakes, registrations for postgraduate (by research) programmes are open throughout the year.

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