



**Branching out:** Asia E University president and chief executive Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed, left, and vice-president of special projects, Dr Abdillah Suffian, have been sampling Wintec's e-learning facilities this week. Photo: PETER DRURY.

# Wintec eyes e-learning

Wintec could be the first New Zealand tertiary institute to provide content for an Asian online gateway university which has headquarters in Malaysia. **Nicola Brennan-Tupara** reports.

Wintec could soon join the growing e-learning movement in Asia after a visit from one of the world's newest universities.

A delegation from the Asia E University (AEU), which started just over two years ago, was in Hamilton this week sampling what Wintec has to offer.

Asia E University services 31 Asian countries.

Its representatives are hoping to find programmes they can take back with them to deliver to their

students – many of whom study exclusively online.

They now tap into the existing reservoir of programmes provided by institutions in Asia and Europe to make the programmes available to a wider market.

If chosen, Wintec will be the first tertiary institute in New Zealand to formalise programmes with AEU.

AEU president and chief executive Professor Dato' Dr Ansary Ahmed said Wintec had at least

three programmes he would be very interested in taking back to Asia.

The institute, whose headquarters are in Malaysia, works closely with industry and that was a similarity they saw with Wintec.

The visit by AEU is the culmination of many months work by Wintec's Southeast Asia Marketing and Business Manager Anthony Raman.

"We are delighted to host such a distinguished institution," Mr

Raman said.

"They have recently been appointed as the Malaysian Gateway University and at the forefront of distance and e-learning in Malaysia and eventually Asia Pacific."

Wintec director of internationalisation Stewart Brougham said he was pleased Wintec had been selected as a possible partner.

"This underlines our commitment to working with innovative offshore institutions," he said.

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