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ISM offers zero tuition fee for 200 underprivileged students



Lawrence (second from right), the school advisory board chairman Jack Pang (third from right) and school officers at a press conference.

Tawau: Institute of Science and Management (ISM) Tawau, in collaboration with the National Higher Education Fund (PTPTN), is introducing zero tuition fee for its ISM Diploma programmes to allow 200 underprivileged students to pursue their studies without being burdened by the tuition fee.

Its Chief Executive Officer, Lawrence Kow Cheng Tek, said under this offer, the students who had enrolled to study at ISM would be considered for a scholarship given that they meet the prerequisites.

The terms and condition are as follows: (a) applicant must be an active BR1M recipient (household income less than RM4,000); (b) applicant must achieve at least 3 credits (3Cs) in English, Mathematics plus any other subject and pass Malay Language and History in SPM; (c) applicant must apply for maximum loan allowed by PTPTN to cover part of the tuition fee and the remaining tuition fee will be covered by ISM in the form of scholarship.

The PTPTN loan is disbursed in four equal installments of which each installment is disbursed on the condition that students have obtained a minimum GPA of 2.0 in the latest examination.

Lawrence said ISM scholarship would be disbursed in five equal installments and each installment is disbursed on the condition that students have obtained a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the latest examination. He said applicant is required to pay the miscellaneous fees of about RM3,000, which are not covered under this offer.

The Diploma programmes being offered at ISM are Diploma in Business Studies, Diploma in Accounting and Diploma in Agribusiness Management.

Duration of study for all the Diploma programmes is two years including a three-month industrial attachment. The overall cost for Diploma programmes is about RM20,000.

For those who are not eligible for BR1M, Lawrence said they can still apply for PTPTN loan or other financial assistance of ISM.

ISM is going to hold its 2018 Info Day on March 10, 2018 from 10am to 4pm at its own campus. The event is open to the public and holders of SPM, UEC and O-Level results and parents are encouraged to attend.