Caledonian College to hold 16th graduation ceremony

MUSCAT: Caledonian College of Engineering (CCE) will be honouring 246 (Masters, Honours and Degree) students at the 16th graduation ceremony at the Muscat Inter-Continental Hotel lawns.

CCE is affiliated with Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) in the UK and Vellore Institute of Technology University in India (VITU) and thereby offers four-year honours degree programmes approved by the Ministry of Higher Education.

The ceremony will be presided over by Engineer Sultan bin Hamdoon bin Saif Al Harthy, head of Muscat Municipality and the Municipal Council, and many dignitaries, parents and well wishers have been invited to support the college and recognise this year’s college graduates.

The college is awarding, five masters degrees, 154 honours degrees, 87 degrees. This year the college is especially proud to announce that it will be celebrating the award of its first cohort of postgraduate degrees from VIT University.

The degree awards will be conferred on behalf of Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) by professor Pamela Gillies, the vice-chancellor of GCU.

Prof Gillies writes of the affiliation agreement between GCU and CCE that “Caledonian College of Engineering is a truly exceptional example of a successful international collaboration. Our longstanding partnership demonstrates how our nations and our academics, across cultures and heritages, can work well together to deliver a first class educational experience that will enrich the lives of our students.”

In addition, special awards will be presented to four students: two gold medals for the highest level of academic excellence; the Dr Bill Laurie Award for outstanding contribution to the college and student community by a male student; and the Dr Elspeth Laurie award for outstanding contribution by a female student. CCE is the largest private engineering college in Oman and has been repeatedly rated as one of the top private educational establishments within the Sultanate.

The college offers UK university diplomas, bachelor degrees and bachelor honours degrees, and master degrees. It also offers a degree programme in chemical engineering through the highly respected VIT University in India. The new MSc programme in Process Operations saw its first intake in September earlier this year.

A Caledonian degree is distinguished by the high importance given to the industrial and commercial relevance of the programmes, monitored through interaction between the college and industries. In addition to work place experience, CCE also emphasises the need for soft skill training in all programmes, something described by the Dean, Professor McIntosh, as a unique aspect of a Caledonian degree: “Students need to have the basic subject knowledge but we believe they also need development as individuals so that they can work effectively and operate in teams, across disciplines. We have therefore embedded professional development into all our engineering programmes, running a department that specifically develops the soft skills needed for students to succeed in the workplace, and we are proud to be a sector leader in this respect.”

CCE has a high employment success rate with 95 per cent of college students entering employment or further studies.