Caledonian College offers 40 full scholarships

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MUSCAT — Caledonian College of Engineering, one of the leading private colleges in the Sultanate, announced yesterday in a press conference offering an outstanding initiative to the society.

With regards to the achievements of the blessed Omani Renaissance, Caledonian College of Engineering offered 40 competitive full scholarships on the Foundation Studies Programme and on different courses to help students prepare for the Foundation Studies Programme for Omani students who were eligible to compete for these scholarships.

Speaking at the press conference, Dr Ahmed bin Hassan al Balushi, Acting Dean of Caledonian College of Engineering, said: "The College has been providing continuous support to higher education in the Sultanate and valuing the ongoing and fruitful efforts of the Ministry of Higher Education in advancing the process of higher education".

"The college announced the launch of these scholarships as part of the college’s commitments towards the society. They will also add new opportunities for Omani students to build their academic future and continue their higher education to serve the labour market and achieve their academic and careers aspirations", Al Balushi commented.

These 14 scholarships are divided into three categories; scholarships awarded in the Foundation Studies, scholarships for courses designed to prepare students for the Foundation Studies and scholarships to join different specialisation in the engineering disciplines.

Students will receive separate Certificate in Foundation Studies from the college after completing this course successfully.

Caledonian College of Engineering will sort the applications received for these scholarships after the end of period specified to receive applications and priority will be given to students who have higher marks in science subjects, Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics, and based on their results of the Entry and Placement Test at College.

The college plans that the winners of the 14 scholarships will begin in the next semester, February 2011, and the subsequent semester in September 2011, on the basis of equal division.

Al Balushi pointed out: "I would like to refer to a new step initiated by the college which is a pioneering step and the first of its kind amongst private higher education institutions.

The college has established a special recording studio equipped with up-to-date equipment for the production of digital video recordings of lectures and academic discussions.

The college has invested in this infrastructure to be able to issue high quality scientific materials within the college and to ensure quality education to our students”.

Thus, students can review lectures in several times of their choice and this is a practical application of modern educational theories, which call for full freedom of education.

This system also serves students studying in part-time and special part-time mode, where students who are away from campus and during their presence at work sites like engineers working in the desert area.

It also helps students absent for some reasons, so they can have online review for what they missed from lectures and laboratory experiments and this is a distinct and additional service for college students.

In order to keep up with the direction of the country towards electronic transactions and encourage e-learning, the college is planning to transfer all study materials on a DVD and give it to students at the beginning of each semester.

Thus, the college can achieve one of its strategic objectives to reduce the use of paper and make college environment-friendly and green.
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MUSCAT: Caledonian College of Engineering has announced 40 full scholarships.

"Caledonian College of Engineering (CCE) is proud of its leading role in the field of higher education, with regards to the achievements of the Blessed Omani Renaissance. The college is pleased to offer 40 competitive full scholarships on foundation studies programme and on courses to help prepare for the foundation studies programme for Omani students," said Dr Ahmed bin Hassan Al Bahshi, acting dean of CCE.

"While the college announces the launch of these competitive full scholarships it is very proud to add new opportunities for Omani students to build their academic future and continue their higher education to serve the labour market and achieve their academic and careers aspirations," he added.

The college will sort candidates' applications after the end of period specified to receive applications in January 31 and priority will be given to students who have higher marks in the science subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics) and for those who have scored high marks in the college entry and placement tests.

The college hopes to begin the study of the winners in the next semester in February 2011 and the subsequent semester September 2011 on the basis of equal division.

A new initiative by the college was also launched.

The college has set up a special recording studio, which is equipped with the latest equipment for the production of digital video recordings of lectures and academic discussions. This development aims to meet all requirements of students of study materials such as lectures, scientific experiments and observations and turn them into electronic format and uploaded to college's Intranet," he added.

"Thus, students can review lectures for several times and in the times of their choice and this is a practical application of modern educational theories, which call for full freedom of education," he said.

"This system also serves students studying in part-time and special part-time mode, where students who are away from college's campus and during their presence at work sites, for example, engineers working in the desert and students absent for some reasons, they can have online review for what they missed from lectures and laboratory experiments and this is a distinct and additional service for college students," he added.

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