

# Medicine, science and other frontiers

ACCORDING to ASA Overseas Education Specialist Senior Operation Manager Stanley Tan, "When you speak to someone about Scotland, the first response often is, 'It is very cold?'".

"When you speak to someone in Malaysia about the University of St Andrews, he may show you two thumbs-up for its world-renowned medical degree and also the International Foundation Programme in Medicine which many students have rated highly; not just for its quality curriculum but as a secured pathway into the University's Medical school."

ASA Overseas Education Specialist is a well-established consultancy that specialises in providing advice to students who are keen to pursue tertiary education abroad.

Established in 1413, the University of St Andrews is the 3rd oldest in the English-speaking world after Oxford and Cambridge.

It has a world-class reputation and is highly regarded as one of Europe's leading and most distinctive centres for teaching and research.

In fact, the University was ranked top in Scotland in the Leiden Ranking 2013, a prestigious scientific performance ranking.

In the medical realm, scientists at the St Andrews Biological Sciences Research Centre were this year given a GBP2m 'Senior Investigator Award' by the Wellcome Trust.

The award recognises exceptional, world-class researchers who have an international track-record of significant achievement and have demonstrated the originality and impact of their research.

It will fund a seven-year project at St Andrews detecting weaknesses in bacteria that have become resistant to antibiotics.

The aim of the research is to develop therapies that will tackle drug-resistant bacteria.

Undoubtedly, the University's impressive Medical and Biological Sciences Building has played a significant role in securing funds for these groundbreaking research projects.

The building, rated BREEAM "Excellent", was designed to foster interdisciplinary collaboration between medics and scientists in



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order to encourage innovation and create significant advances in medical research.

Opened in 2010, it is now at the forefront of many areas of medical and healthcare research.

The University of St Andrews is consistently ranked in the top five of respected UK university league tables.

The University boasts a 34% international student population with 14% coming from Europe and 52% from the UK.

"St Andrews is a highly competitive, global university at the forefront of both teaching and research. We have high expectations of our students."

"Getting the most out of university is not just about acquiring knowledge, it involves learning to think critically and independently, developing the written and oral communication skills needed for clear and accurate expression of ideas and expanding intercultural and international awareness." Said Centre for International Foundation Programmes director of Jane Magee.

The CIFP offers quality one-year programmes that provide an entry route into undergraduate degree programmes at St Andrews, as well as being recognized by other top-ranking British universities.

ASA, the University's sole representative in Malaysia, is organizing a

seminar titled "Medicine and Other Career Opportunities".

This seminar, held on Aug 3 at 10am, is suitable for those in Year 10/11 or Form 4/5.

This seminar will be conducted by Magee, who will be in Malaysia from Aug 1 to 5.

Admission to the Seminar is free, but you need to register as seats are limited.

Besides conducting the seminar, Magee will also meet students for personal consultation.

She will be visiting Petaling Jaya, Penang, and Kota Kinabalu between Aug 1 and 5.

For seminar, call ASA at 03-7727 1373 or 03-7729 1373 to book yours seats to avoid disappointment.

For one-to-one consultation session with Magee, call ASA to book a slot.

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