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EDUCATION FOR ALL
FINANCIAL AID

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RM 600

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BELOW
RM 4,000*

ABOVE
RM 4,000*

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SCHEME
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C Grade

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Nil
Nil
Nil

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30% tuition fee waiver for Foundation
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YEARS
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## Total Student Experience

### Learning from the F1 Experience

Niall UC students benefit from hands on experience at recent Formula 1 event at Sepang International Circuit.

| Students from Niall University College’s School of Hospitality and Tourism were up at the crack of dawn but there was many a young lad or lady in sight. Far from being sleep deprived, the students were buzzing with a sense of excitement and anticipation for their assignment for the day. For the third year running, Niall University College’s (NUC) School of Hospitality and Tourism students have been chosen by the I Petrolied Food and Beverage operations to work at the prestigious Formula 1 event at the Sepang International Circuit (SIC).

“The original issue of logistics was a factor as Niall UC’s campus is very close to the SIC and it was easy for students to get the students there on time. But after that first event, the organisation in the second year was invigorating and the challenge set by the Sales Director for the students to work on their own lives to work on their own lives was not at all fazed by the huge crowds,” says Niall UC Dean of Hospitality and Tourism, Mr. Cheng.

“Students have since been invited back and this is one of the best in their careers. A number of students have been invited back and students are now volunteering in their free time,” says Cheng.

### Formula 1 Experience

- **Provision of food and beverage**
- **Provision of transport**
- **Provision of accommodation**

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## Editors’ Voice

Our cover story is about one of our graduates from the School of Hospitality and Tourism who has taken the bold step to be his own boss. Owen Ong told us that he was given plenty of encouragement by his tutor lecturer, Dr. Yeoh, and the aspiring chef has decided to put both his cooking and entrepreneurial skills to the test.

His efforts make the cover story because it reflects the kind of graduates Niall University College (Niall UC) produces – hardworking, ambitious, and enthusiastic. It’s often to take a chance in pursuit of one’s dreams, Owen is testament to the principles instilled in him by his alma mater, the fact that his former lecturer has acted as mentor through his career.

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His story is one of perseverance and determination. He started with a small business and worked hard to expand it. He is now a successful entrepreneur and a role model for others.

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**Learning From The F1 Experience**

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Students from Niall University College’s School of Hospitality and Tourism were up at the crack of dawn but there was never a moment of rest as far as their duties were concerned. They were on their feet from early morning until late in the evening.

They were among the 10,000 people who attended the event. They were responsible for the smooth running of the event.

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**From The President’s Desk**

Niall University College (Niall UC) believes in providing education opportunities to deserving students. By ‘deserving’, we mean students who have shown great promise and the ability to excel both within and beyond the classroom. We do not limit the scope to just academic excellence as we realise that students who do well in sports and are active in extra-curricular activities have a lot of potential. This is very much in line with our philosophy of producing well-rounded graduates who will be a boon to society.

Niall UC has made available a number of scholarships and financial aid schemes available to these students (please see back page for details). We understand that private higher education can be beyond the means of some families and we are determined to help promising students achieve their full potential. These students have a role to play as we see them as potential leaders within the campus community and also as role models to their peers. Some of these students are highlighted in this issue and you can read how these students have become positive influences.

One good example is the ping pong player who refused to be the fourth seed and worked hard to become the best player in the team, his determination, perseverance, and positive mindset was rewarded with his team’s victory in the state ping pong team and recently, a Niall UC scholarship.

On the academic front, I am pleased to announce that Niall UC now has a pathway towards a BSc (Hons) in Aircraft Engineering from Kingston University, UK. The Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering programme is a unique programme and we receive many enquiries regarding a degree option. Students can now earn a degree in this field at Niall UC without the expense of going overseas.

If any of our alumni have made similar bold moves in their careers, we would like to hear from you. Your achievements are our success stories. You are Niall UC’s best ambassadors.

R. Saha
Editor

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**Total Student Experience**

It’s a great opportunity to learn and we were able to show the organizers our abilities. Hopefully, we will be able to help some of the students get future employment or an internship,” says Sabahian Badshah, Assistant Manager, Niall UC (Kota Kinabalu) in Business and Hospitality Management.

Echoing these sentiments was Johnson Lim, Niall UC (Sriwajaya in Culinary Arts). He had managed to prepare several hundred plates of pasta at one of the hospitality stalls during the event. It was definitely more challenging for him to manage the pressure, but he knew how to handle the pressure and knew how to control the situation.

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Planning for Long Term Success

Kingston University offers degree pathways for Nila UC’s aircraft maintenance engineering students.

What is the official title of Kingston University’s degree?

Kingston University offers a BSc (Hons) in Aircraft Engineering, which is recognised by the Royal Aeronautical Society which is part of the Engineering Council UK.

Can a student proceed to do this degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering if they have completed a Diploma in a different engineering field?

No. This is because the qualification agreement between the University and Kingston University is on the Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree level. Hence, students with a Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering at a different institution and wanting to go on to the same programme, we will have to evaluate the student’s individual basis for their case to be considered.

This degree programme is aimed at students looking to go on to this field.

Based on students’ experience, they must attend a degree in the field of aircraft maintenance and engineering. In addition, there are several factors that make Kingston University the most suitable for this programme. They include the strong academic standard, the ability to work in a team, and the opportunity to pursue further studies.

Can students at Nila UC choose to complete their degree in the UK or continue their studies in Malaysia?

The students have the option to complete their degree in the UK or continue their studies in Malaysia. However, students must complete the degree at one of the projects in Malaysia before they can proceed to the other.

Can you explain the areas in which the degree will strengthen a student’s knowledge?

The degree will strengthen students’ knowledge in the following areas:

- Aircraft Maintenance Engineering
- Electrical and Electronic Engineering
- Materials Science
- Aerodynamics
- Flight Test Engineering
- Flight Safety

New for 2018/19 at Kingston University’s School of Aerospace and Engineering, Kingston University, London.

Nila UC launched in stadium engineering programme in 2008. It is located in Flight Centre, Kingston University, London.
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Can a student proceed to do this degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering if s/he has completed a diploma in a differing field being said?
No. This is because the accreditation agreement between the DC and Kingston University is only for the Bachelor of Engineering. Hence, the diploma must be at the same level and field.

What does this degree programme aim at students looking to go for in the field?
This degree programme aims at developing engineering and management skills in students.

Do Niall UC students go to Kingston University for their degree?
No, the degree is completed at Niall University. However, students who complete their degree at Niall University are eligible to apply for a postgraduate degree at Kingston University.

What are the differences in the programmes?
Niall UC students will complete the programme in 3 years, whereas Kingston University students will complete the programme in 4 years. However, the core modules are the same.

Why choose Niall UC as your partner in offering this degree?
Niall UC students will have access to Kingston University's state-of-the-art facilities, including aircraft hangars and simulators.

Please explain how this degree works?
Niall UC students will complete a three-year BSc (Hons) in Aircraft Engineering. After completing the BSc (Hons) programme, students will be awarded a Diploma in Aircraft Engineering.

Can you tell us how Kingston University will work with Niall UC in this partnership?
Kingston University will provide consultation and support to Niall UC on the delivery of the degree programme.

In your opinion, how will students benefit by continuing their studies to degree level?
The basic FAA degree is about getting the license which is a key qualification that allows a student to start an aviation career. This top-up degree is more focused on improving employability within the industry. It is about making a student more competitive in the job market.

Would you please tell us about the qualifications and programs available in Niall UC's Aircraft Maintenance Engineering? I would like to know how it aligns with Kingston University's programme.
Niall UC offers a Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering which aligns with Kingston University's Bachelor of Engineering degree.

How will the two institutions ensure the quality of education?
Both institutions will ensure quality of education through regular assessments, examinations, and feedback from students and industry partners.

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What are the key differences between the programmes offered by Niall UC and Kingston University?
Niall UC's programme is a Diploma in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering, while Kingston University's programme is a Bachelor of Engineering. The duration of the programmes are also different.

What are the main benefits of completing the degree at Kingston University?
Completing the degree at Kingston University will enhance students' employability and open up new career opportunities in the aviation industry.

Kingston University London
Ties that bond

Nikal UC graduate taps former lecturer’s expertise for opening of café.

“Ties that bond” is the reason behind the name for the café that former lecturer Mr. Cheng Hui Weng has named after himself. Mr. Weng, who is currently in the hospitality industry, has always admired the dedication and hard work of his former lecturer. Hence, he decided to open his own café under the name “Ties that bond.”

The café is situated in a prime location, adjacent to the university. The interior design is simple yet elegant, with a cozy ambiance that attracts customers. The café offers a wide variety of food and drinks, including coffee, tea, and a range of light snacks.

Mr. Weng believes that the café will be a perfect place for students and faculty to relax and socialize. He also hopes that it will become a popular spot for the local community.

“Ties that bond” is not just a name; it is a reminder of the strong relationships that Mr. Weng formed with his former lecturer. He hopes that the café will be a place where people can connect and foster these bonds.

The café is open from 8 am to 10 pm daily, and it is located at 73 Main St, KLANG. Customers are welcome to visit and try the delicious food and drinks served at the café. Mr. Weng also encourages people to come and experience the cozy atmosphere and strong connections that the café embodies.
Ties that bond

Nilai UC graduate taps former lecturer’s expertise for opening of café.

Despite having left Nilai UC for a few years, the ties with his former lecturers remain strong as Owen has helped many of them over for the soft launch several months ago, but it has been Owen who has taken up the role of mentor again. Using his own personal knowledge of the food and beverage business, he helped Owen design the kitchen as well as plan the layout of the dining area. He also helped devise the menu and sat through many hours of food and drink testing. "I think I have had enough bubble tea to last me a lifetime," taunts the former lecturer.

"I was the first consultant and the guinea pig" laughs Cheng Mun Kid, senior lecturer in Nilai University College’s (Nilai UC) School of Hospitality and Tourism. He was attacking his role in helping a former student set up his dream café a stone’s throw away from his old stamping ground. Owen Ong Yuen Wern joined Nilai UC’s Diploma in Culinary Arts programme in 2001 after working as a sales and marketing position for several years.

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Setting his eyes on a 26-square space just a five-minute drive from his old campus, Owen knew the first step was to investing all of his savings as well as taking a loan to make his dream a reality. Getting a bank loan is difficult but as his parents agreed to the guarantee, he was able to get his "seed money," he wistfully. "I think the loan officer could see that this was my dream and that I had the right qualifications to make it work.

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Rewards of volunteerism

Former diplomat explains to Nilai UC students the many benefits of being actively involved in voluntary work.

"Volunteerism will give you experience which you cannot get from regular employment. Volunteerism can define you and help you grow as a person," says Datuk’ Lily Zachariah, former diplomat and spokesperson for the Dignity for Children Foundation, in a seminar talk at Nilai University College (Nilai UC). "There are many benefits to be reaped from volunteering in voluntary work. Not just monetary gains."

She also told students to follow their heart when deciding to volunteer. By volunteering, you may discover a talent or ability you had not known about unless you are willing to learn, keep your eyes and ears open as there are plenty of worthwhile causes which you can get involved in. For example, a young girl in Zachariah’s talk was giving up her studies in high school to help out at the hospital where she worked. She also told students that it is important to have a good leader who will guide them and provide them with proper training.

Zachariah pointed out that it is not difficult to find a cause that is close to your heart as there are many organizations that are helping students and children in need. She also suggested that students should participate in community service activities to gain experience in helping others.

"Volunteerism is an enriching experience that will help develop soft skills and expose volunteers to people from different walks of life. It also helps students to develop life skills such as time management and teamwork. Volunteering can also contribute to your personal development, as it allows you to learn and grow as a person. It is also a great way to meet new people and make new friends."

Other speakers who have graced the event include Prof. Dr. Hj Abdul Razak, who spoke about the importance of reading and also Datuk’ Dr. Haji Tahir, vice-chancellor of the University of Malaysia. Dr. Haji Tahir discussed the importance of reading and also the need for students to develop good study habits.

The former diplomat has served as a Malaysian ambassador in many countries including Senegal, Greece and Burma. He has also been involved in various capacities in Malaysian embassies around the world. He has been a member of the United Nations Security Council and has been a member of the International Law Association. He is also the co-founder of the Malaysian Institute of Integrity, an oral history project that documents the experiences of those involved in the Malaysian political and social movements.

The experience provided by volunteering is invaluable, as it develops a sense of responsibility and empathy in those who participate. It also opens doors to future opportunities, such as scholarships and internships.

Schoolmates receive Nilai UC scholarships

Two outstanding students from the same school are rewarded with full scholarships from Nilai UC.

For Kong Ye Pin and Chong Zi Zhen, their hard work and dedication in secondary school paid off handsomely as both were offered 100% scholarships from Nilai UC. The two students were awarded the scholarships for their excellent grades and extracurricular activities.

"It was a bit of a surprise to them when I told them Nilai UC had decided to fully sponsor my studies. I was really happy and I was so surprised. This is something that I had been working towards for a long time," said Kong Ye Pin.

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The two students have excelled in both academics and sports, and have been involved in various extracurricular activities, including debate, music and volunteer work.

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Nilai UC is proud to support these two exceptional students and wishes them all the best in their future endeavors.

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"Volunteerism will give you experience which you cannot get from regular employment. Volunteerism can define you and help you grow as a person," says Dato’ Dr Zachariah, former diplomat and spokesperson for the Dignity for Children Foundation, in an open letter to Nilai University College (Nilai UC). "There are many benefits to being involved in voluntary work. Just not monetary gains."

She also told students to follow their heart when deciding to volunteer. "You don’t volunteer to do something you don’t want to do. You can’t be happy unless you are willing to learn. Keep your eyes and ears open so there are plenty of worthwhile causes which you can get involved in. Volunteerism is not a charity, Zachariah explained, spouting out the differences between charity and volunteerism. Zachariah pointed out that it is not difficult to find a cause that is right for you and one that meets your interest as well as time availability. The challenge is that being a young adult in higher education means that full-time volunteerism may not be feasible. Nonetheless, she feels that every effort should be made to get involved in volunteerism as an enriching experience which will help develop soft skills and expose volunteers to people from different walks of life. She also points to statistics that show a high percentage of employers favoring graduates who have been involved in some form of volunteer work. "This is because it gives your CV that almighty `plus’ that any employer, especially "

Schoolmates receive Nilai UC scholarships

Two outstanding students from the same school are rewarded with full scholarships from Nilai UC.

For Kang Yee Pin and Chong ZiLeen, their hard work in secondary school has paid off handsomely as both were offered 100% scholarships with free accommodation from Nilai University College (Nilai UC). The Pay For High School Makeover students were offered the scholarships for very different reasons. In the case of the former, it was very much down to his outstanding sporting achievements which have seen him represent the state in volleyball, basketball and table tennis.

The 14-year-old boy has been playing volleyball for seven years, and has played as part of the team that made it to the national title. Kang Yee Pin adds that he has always enjoyed playing sports and has been playing since he was five years old. He says that he enjoys the team spirit and teamwork the sport offers.

For Kang Yee Pin, his dream is to become a professional volleyball player. "I have been training for this for years and I really hope that I can make it," he adds.

On the other hand, Chong ZiLeen also felt that Nilai UC’s scholarship was a welcome gift. "I really didn’t expect it. I would have been surprised if I didn’t get the scholarship," she says.

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The Graduate Today series of lectures are part of Nilai UC’s Enrichment of Life Philosophy. The focus of students and broadening their horizons is not limited to the academic. There are also designed to expose students to key issues and values such as ethics, integrity and volunteerism.

The former diplomat has served as a Malaysian ambassador in many countries, including Senegal, Guinea and Burkina Faso and has served in various capacities in Malaysian embassies around the world. She says she was used to dealing with the staff and the running of the establishment, their discussions, policies and trade agreements. However, through her voluntary work, she is able to see those who live on the other side of the fence and understand their problems. For instance, through her work with the Dignity for Children Foundation, she has come to realize the needs of the elderly and how children are very different from ordinary citizens. Their rights include the need for training and education as children are unable to attend public schools and the Harvey Center in Serdang, Kuala Lumpur (which is operated by the Dignity for Children Foundation) conducts necessary training and tuition classes. This enables the children to receive basic education which will help greatly when the children are relocated to a third country in the future.

The 13-year-old girl says that she has been playing volleyball for seven years and has represented the state in volleyball, basketball and table tennis. "I really didn’t expect it. I would have been surprised if I didn’t get the scholarship," she says.

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Scholarship for Ping Pong Duo

Nilai UC rewards sporting talent with scholarships for two talented table tennis players.

She says too often parents are unsupportive of their children’s sporting abilities and know of other table tennis players who had to hang on their belts to concentrate on their studies. “Some of these players were very talented and today, despite scoring good grades, they are struggling to get a scholarship whereas I got a 100% scholarship thanks to my table tennis playing abilities,” she smiled, betraying just a hint of self-satisfaction.

But Yeong was quick to share the information regarding Nilai UC’s scholarship scheme with her teammates. Joining her is Low Pei Yan who also qualified for a 100% scholarship, with accommodation. The 21-year-old lost in the 1st round of SMK Aminuddin Baki, Kuala Lumpur to a pursuit of Nilai UC’s Bachelor of Business Administration through the scheme, as she says she may opt to transfer to the Degree in Accounting and Finance later on. Low also says that sports has taught her valuable lessons in discipline and the value of hard work.

Despite already being a state table tennis player, she still found the time to train and represented her school in a variety of sports, middle distance and long-distance races.

“To be honest, training for a marathon or a table tennis tournament is a lot more strenuous than preparing for exams. It is physically draining and preparation starts many, many months in advance of a tournament or a meet. So focussing on exams, even at university level has not been too difficult for me,” smiles the diminutive Low.

The pair of them has already started repaying Nilai UC’s faith in them by bagging gold at the most recent Ping Pong Tournament in Pahang recently. “We both like it very much. The campus is peaceful and quiet unlike those in the city centre. We have the opportunity to represent Nilai UC in a sport we love and winning gold was just icing on the cake,” says Yeong.

Both encouraged school leavers not to give up on sports but to find the right balance between studies and extra-curricular activities. “We could do it, then’s no reason why others can’t. Extra-curricular achievement might be rewarded in many ways, not least with a scholarship from Nilai UC,” she believes.

Nilai UC offers a host of scholarships and financial aid schemes to help deserving students achieve their dream of higher education. Please see back page for more details.

Teeing off a great career in business

Sabahan lass earn Nilai UC scholarship with her golf prowess.

“Tee Sandakan Amateur Open champion in 2010 and 2011, I am training hard to defend my title for this year’s edition. With Nilai UiTm Sabah Chapter (Nilai University College Foundation Ill Business) I have the chance to keep the trophy for good if I make a hat trick of wins in the next two editions,” the 16-year-old native from an impressive haul of 2 and her prowess with a golf club is now attracting the Nilai University College (Nilai UC) administration to offer her a scholarship to continue her tuition fees and accommodation.

Nurul says she picked up the game when she was 10 other years of following her father, a past oil-injector to the golf club. “My father actively encouraged both my sister and myself to pursue the sport. He bought us all the necessary equipment and sent us off golfing lessons,” the states. Unfortunately, her siblings gave up the sport not long after beginning lessons but she perseveres and has gone on to represent Sabah in various national meets. Nurul was also part of the Malaysian Ladies Golf Association (MLGA) all-time team.

Awarded Nilai UC’s Extra-Curricular Excellence Award for her endeavours, Nurul says she is still adjusting to life in limbo. Her classes take a lot of her time and projects, tutorials and exams are also piling on her after her golf training time. “I used to spend between six to eight hours at the club daily after school. I do about two hours in the gym followed by two hours of practice on the driving range. I then go around with any club member who is holding a long one.”

The 16-year-old says her parents always knew that I was at the club and never curtailed my training hours there.

However she has had to cut down on the training regime since her education takes up a lot more of her time and effort these days. She has over 3000 clocked hours of every alternate day at the driving range and golf course at the nearby Nabil Springs Golf and Country Resort, but she is delighted that the hard yards and the process of golf has bought her valuable lessons, “I can definitely see a lot as far as my game is concerned. I’m more focused and disciplined than before. I always give my best in everything I do. I always try and listen to my coaches and play them to my advantage. Nurul who is planning to pursue a business degree at the time she completed her pre-university programme, Nilai UC also offers a golf module which can be completed online in the Applied Business Management (Audit) course. Students from other programmes can also elect for this outstanding course, held in partnership with the University of Malta as part of their mandatory extra-curricular activities.

Nilai UC has an annual golf tournament which offers golfing scholarships in the Applied Business Management Programme.”

For more details, please refer to back page.

Sharing the spoils of victory at the third SPKPEPT ping pong tournament.

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Scholarships for Ping Pong Duo

Nilai UC rewards sporting talent with scholarships for two talented table tennis players.

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But Yeong was quick to share the information regarding Nilai UC’s scholarship scheme with her teammates. Joining her is Low Pei Yan who also qualified for a 100% scholarship with accommodation. The 21-year-old hails from SMK Aminuddin Baki, Kuala Lumpur and is pursuing Nilai UC’s Bachelor of Business Administration, through which she says she may opt to transfer to the Degree in Accounting and Finance later. Low also says that sports has taught her valuable lessons in discipline and the value of hard work.

Despite already being a state table tennis player, she still found the time to train and represent her school in a variety of short, middle and long-distance races.

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The pair of them has already started repaying Nilai UC’s faith in them by bringing gold at the 2012 Penang Pen Ping Tournament in Pahang recently. “We both like it very much. The campus is peaceful and quiet unlike those in the city centre. We have the opportunity to represent Nilai UC in a sport we love and winning gold was just icing on the cake,” says Yeong. Both encouraged school leavers not to give up on sports but to find the right balance between studies and extra-curricular activities. “We could do it, there’s no reason why others can’t. Sporting achievement might be rewarded in many ways, not least with a scholarship from Nilai UC,” says Low.

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Sahabani laiss earn Nilai UC scholarship with her golf prowess.

“Tee Sandakan Amateur Open in 2010 and after I played in several tournaments, I got training hard to defend my title for this year’s edition,” says Sahabani, daughter of Ahmad Saparin (Nilai University College Foundation in Business). “I was thinking of leaving the trophy for good if I made a fair track with all the golfing skills learned from Nilai UC.”

Ahmad Saparin, a native of an impressive handicap of 2 and her prowess with a golf club is the reason that Nilai University College (Nilai UC) administration to offer her a scholarship to pursue her “ניות Ниця” and accommodation.

Sahabani says she picked up the game when she was 10 or 11 years old. Following her father, a fair club contract to the golf club. “My father actively encouraged both my brothers and myself to pursue the sport. He bought us all the necessary equipment and sent us to golfing lessons,” she states.

Unfortunately, her siblings gave up the sport after a few beginning lessons but her perseverance has paid off and has gone on to represent Sabah on various meets. Nilai UC was also part of the Malaysia Ladies Golf Association (MLGA) all-encompassing.

Awarded Nilai UC’s Extra Curricular Excellence Award for her achievements, Sahabani says she is still adjusting to full time studies. She continued to take up a lot of her time and projects, tuition and her golf training time. “I used to spend between three to eight hours at the club daily after school. I’d do about two hours in the gym followed by two hours of practice on the driving range,” she states.

However, she has had to cut down on the training regime due to her full time studies. “I still have to attend at least 30 hours every alternate day at the driving range and a course of the nearby Nicki Springs Golf and Country Resort, but she is grateful that she has help from golf has taught her valuable lessons, I can definitely prove more focused and disciplined thanks to him. I have become more patient, persistent and also always give my best in everything I do,” she states. “I still have a lot to learn from my coach, Dato’ Covid.”

Sahabani is planning to pursue a business degree and has already completed her pre-university programme.

Nilai UC also offers a golf module which count as transferrable credits in the Accounting and Finance programme. Students from other programmes can also elect to take up this module. Dato’ Covid, a former national player and Deputy Minister as part of their mandatory extra-curricular activities.

Sahabani received her scholarship at Nilai University College Foundation in Business with her tennis bat, golf club and a share of the country’s tennis and golf orchards.

The award is full of praise for the institution for actively encouraging the good among her university mates. “This game is and I hope more students will take up this sport; Golf can open doors for you in the future to many business people also play the game. The golf course is where networks are built and deals are concluded,” states Nilai.

Despite lesser training hours, she is still focused on winning the title of her hometown’s meet. “After I let into a degree programme. I hope I can find the time to balance both my studies and golf. I want to represent Nilai UC in many golf tournaments”.

Nilai UC offers a number of scholarships and financial aid schemes. High school students and those who have an active extra-curricular activity are encouraged to apply. For more details, please refer to back page.
**Nilai Financial Aid**

**EDUCATION FOR ALL FINANCIAL AID**
Commenence fee

**RM 600**

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**ENRICHMENT FOR LIFE AWARD**
For students who are active in extra-curricular activities

- 30% tuition fee waiver for Foundation
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- 20% tuition fee waiver for Diploma

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