

CHECK YOUR ENGINEERING DEGREE

“Not All Engineering Degrees Are Equal”

WITH the STPM results just around the corner, all aspiring engineering students are strongly advised to check on the status of the engineering degree course that they plan to enrol in. There are many types of engineering degrees out there and they are not all the same.

The Institution of Engineers, Malaysia (IEM) is raising this caution in view of the many students who have unknowingly enrolled in an engineering degree programme without having any idea about the nature of the degree and of whether the degree is accredited. They are not aware that the practice of professional engineering is regulated by law which means that only graduates from recognised engineering degree courses are allowed to be registered and to practice after undergoing some form of

professional development programme and/or competency test/examination and even then, only in specific fields of engineering. Choosing an engineering degree which is unaccredited can be disheartening to the parents who have so painstakingly used their hard earned money for the education of their children. The students themselves may also be disappointed to find out only after graduation, that the degree that they have worked so hard for is not accredited.

Students who wish to verify if a specific engineering degree is recognised or not, can check with IEM which has a register of accredited engineering degrees from local and foreign universities. (Contact person: Ms. Sarita, Tel: 03-7968 4015, E-mail: sarita@iem.org.my). ■

