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## TUN HUSSEIN ONN LIBRARY SUNWAY COLLEGE'S INTERACTIVE E-LIBRARY



The Tun Hussein Onn Library at Sunway College, named after Malaysia's third Prime Minister and first Chairman of Sunway College has been lauded as being one of the few state-of-the-art interactive libraries in the country.

"The use of ICT especially in e-library can be utilised to connect the Tun Hussein Onn Library to the rest of the world," said Dato' Hishamuddin Tun Hussein, son of the late Prime Minister Tun Hussein Onn when he officially declared open the library recently.



The fully resourced 58,000 sq. ft. library is equipped with a Multimedia Resource Centre and up-to-date Internet access and CD-ROM facilities.

"For the Tun Hussein Onn Library, the opening recognises the fact that the library is performing the time-honoured tradition within which libraries operate - namely to give services to all equally, to ensure quality in that service, to the best of its ability, and to support the teaching and learning needs of its clientele."

With a collection of over 55,000 titles covering every conceivable field of knowledge, the ultra-modern library is additionally linked worldwide for easy access to international databases and hundreds of electronic journal titles.

The library is staffed by 30 professionals, technical and support staff with the relevant professional qualifications, including post-graduate diplomas and degrees from Malaysia, Australia and the United Kingdom. All staff are trained in various aspects of librarianship including automation, technical processing, bibliography and reader education.

Over the past two years, more than RM3.5 million has been provided for the purchase of books, periodicals, AV materials and electronic databases. In addition, a great deal of funds have also been spent on renovation, refurbishment and equipment.

The integrated library system installed has made it possible for every library user to retrieve information and borrow library materials easily and expeditiously. These investments are paying dividends in terms of increased library use. In 1998, a total of 272,000 readers visited the library, followed by 430,000 in 1999 and over 535,000 in 2000.

The library is open to the public and operates from 8.30 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and from 8.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Saturdays. It is closed on Sundays.

Sunway College, which was founded in 1987, pioneered the development of twinning degree programmes and currently has twinning arrangements with eminent universities in the United Kingdom, United States of America and Australia. The College also offers four internationally recognised pre-university programmes as well as professional and language courses.

