

Monash Opens Opportunities for Asians

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SUNNY Malaysia. This beautiful country boasts of delightful mild weather all year round and is proud of being one of the top tourist destinations in Asia. A wonderful place to visit and if one is inclined on getting a foreign degree, a brilliant place to study. And now Monash University, one of Australia's most internationalised universities has officially opened their first purpose-built RM200 million campus in Bandar Sunway, about 40 minutes from the heart of the city of Kuala Lumpur.

Named after General Sir John Monash, an Australian military commander of the First World War, Monash University was established in 1958. From its first intake of 347 students at Clayton in 1961, the university grew rapidly and by 1967, it had enrolled more than 21,700 students. In 1990, Monash moved beyond the borders of Clayton and merged with the Chisholm Institute of Technology, creating the university's Caulfield and Peninsula campuses. This was followed by the establishment of the Gippsland campus. The following year, the Victorian College of Pharmacy joined the rapidly growing university as the Parkville campus. The growth continued apace with the establishment of a new campus in Berwick in 1994 within the southeastern growth corridor of Melbourne.

In 1998 Monash set up a campus in Malaysia jointly with the Sunway Group which was the first Monash campus outside Australia. A second offshore campus was opened in South Africa in 2001. From a single campus at Clayton with fewer than 400 students, Monash has grown to a network of more than 50,000 students from over 130 countries. Monash is one of the top 40 universities in the world and is in Asia's top 10.

The new purpose-built campus in Sunway was officially opened on September 3 of this year by The Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia Dato' Sri Mohd Najib Tun Haji Abdul Razak.