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A better insight on e-education

Riding the wave of e-education is what many institutions of higher education are apt to do at the moment especially since the very phrase connotes some degree of superior learning.

Much has been said about what it means and what its implications are but at the back of the mind is always the niggling doubt that maybe the implementation of e-education is not as cut-and-dry an affair as most of us may think it is.

Enter the International Conference on e-Education (ICEE), organised by Inti Group of Colleges in conjunction with its 15th anniversary celebrations.

To be held on Oct 29 and 30, the conference aims to "provide a forum to bring together educators, researchers, technologists and the implementors of e-education from around the world to interact and to share their experiences", said Chia Swee Ping, vice-president of academic affairs at Inti College

Malaysia.

According to Chia, the reason why the Inti Group is tackling the issue of e-education now and in such a big way is because of a number of combined factors. Inti recently announced that all its campuses are to be made e-campus, hence the group wants to ensure it is properly equipped with the know-how on how to run successful e-education programmes before embarking on such a feat.

Inti Subang Jaya campus principal, Saw Sor Heoh adds the issue of e-education is not a matter totally settled yet. "By organising the international conference, we aim to put an end to all the many questions still flying about and focus our attention on the implementation and the management of e-education," she said.

E-education has taken the world by storm and looks as if it is here to stay. Inti Subang Jaya campus director of

Multimedia Training Resource Centre Jesus C Tinawin added that e-education has a number of salient features which the traditional mode of education lacks. These include access to a database of expert questions and answers by the use of different search engines; the power of repetition which enables students to refer to a point as often as needed; access to good presentation materials online to clarify an issue of ambiguity; access to all available types of learning resources; and support needed to ensure that learning objectives are met, for example pre-assessment tests.

Registration fee for the conference is at US\$150 or RM500 and this entitles students to a copy of the proceedings and the conference dinner. Interested students are encouraged to participate in the conference.

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(From left) Saw, Chia and Tinawin having an animated discussion on the coming ICEE.