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SIT to offer new computing science degree course

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THE Singapore Institute of Technology (SIT) will be offering a new degree course this year to train the next generation of information technology whizzes.

The two-year computing science course will be offered in partnership with the University of Glasgow. It will cater to diploma holders in that field and take in 50 to 60 students from September.

SIT students will undertake the same coursework as their counterparts at the prestigious Scottish university.

Topics include programming and engineering large software systems, which will prepare them for jobs such as IT consultants or application developers.

SIT will be offering 26 degree programmes this year, including the course in electrical power engineering that was announced last October. This will bring its yearly intake of students to 1,500, up from 1,300 last year.

“We now have degree programmes at all five polytechnics,” said Professor Tan Thiam Soon, president-designate of SIT.

He was speaking at the ground-breaking ceremony for SIT’s fifth and final satellite campus at Republic Polytechnic (RP) on Tuesday.

The nine-storey building in Woodlands – which was awarded a Green Mark Platinum Award by the Building and Construction Authority for its eco-friendly features – will house 660 students.

Its first intake will share RP’s facilities until the building is completed.

The SIT currently operates on a decentralised campus model.

By 2014, it will have its own buildings on the campuses of the five polytechnics here and will be home to over 4,000 students.

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