

Sunway at Leicester

Dear friends

Greetings and warm regards from all of us, ex-Sunway students, here at Leicester. We hope that all of you are enjoying your respective courses, studying conscientiously and, eagerly looking forward to your impending travel here for your second year. We've been here now for 3 months and the experience is truly exhilarating!

The purpose of this series of short letters is to give you a general view of life at Leicester. Together with my colleagues, I hope to be able to give you a broad picture which I trust will benefit you as you prepare to come here.

The university proper is set upon a very picturesque scenery... over-looking a huge park and is about half the size of University Malaya. I must say that to most of us it fulfills every aspiration of an institute of higher learning which includes a very well-equipped library, a Student Resource Centre within the library (where you get all the recommended texts on daily loans), many restaurants with reasonably priced food (eg lunch - sandwich and drinks come up to about 0.80p) and a University bookshop (where you can get all your recommended books). There are also 2 banks on campus National Westminster Bank and Midland Bank. The city centre is a 20 minutes walk from the University and along the way there is an Asian shop, "Orientique", where you can get spices, Maggi Mee, Maggi Chilli Sauce and Yeo Hiap Seng tin food though more expensive.

Accommodation - the halls of residence are about 40 minutes by foot from the University though there are frequent bus services (£0.40p one way). You might want to buy a bicycle and a new one would cost about £100 whilst a second hand one would be about £50. The rooms are generally bigger at the halls and there is very active social life (party after party eg barn dances and weekly discos) plus much sport activities (football, netball etc). However, if there is one setback about the halls, it must be the FOOD ... the meal schedules are restricted (specific times when you can get a meal) and food generally is bland (tasteless and not enough to go by). But, if you want to have a hot meal waiting for you at the end of a cold and dreary day, and don't fancy cooking ... the halls are the place for you.

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