THE rapid changes in technological advancements create a need for workers to continuously upgrade and equip themselves with knowledge and skills.

To meet this growing demand, School of Professional and Continuing Education (UTMSPACE), provides a path for working adults. Eight educational lifelong learning programmes are introduced by UTMSPACE. They are part-time programmes (for Diploma and Degree level), full-time diploma programmes, joint diploma programmes, executive diploma programmes, English language and preparatory programmes, professional development programmes, UTM Professional Skills Certificate Programme and UTM Summer Course.

With 19 years of experience in the field of lifelong learning, UTMSPACE is able to provide an opportunity for working adults to pursue higher education. A wide range of courses offered can accommodate the working adults’ time constraint or work commitment.

UTMSPACE Part-time Undergraduate Programme
UTMSPACE’s part-time undergraduate programme’s unique academic system requires students to attend classes in a face-to-face learning mode. Thus, students will interact directly with the lecturers as well as other students and become active learners.

The courses have the same modules and credit hours as the main campus. They are taught by the same UTM lecturers who teach full-time students on campus.

The part-time engineering programme at UTMSPACE is the only part-time programme accredited by the Board of Engineers Malaysia. Other professional bodies that gave accreditation to UTMSPACE part-time programmes are Board of Quantity Surveyors Malaysia, Malaysia Institute of Planners, Board of Land Surveyors Malaysia and Board of Architects Malaysia.

Bangunan UTMSPACE
Opening on Jan 1 this year, the Bangunan UTMSPACE KL is a 14-storey building complete with the best facilities for students. UTMSPACE

Kuala Lumpur Learning Centre and Administrative Division is located in Jalan Tun Razak, right in the heart of Kuala Lumpur. Being close to public transportation networks, makes it easier for working adults to take part in lifelong learning programmes. Classes and student activities have already commenced at Bangunan UTMSPACE in March. UTMSPACE firmly believes in ‘Strengthening Lifelong Learning’ and will continue to support the development of lifelong learning.

Apart from its Part-time Undergraduate Programme, UTMSPACE also offers Professional Development programmes, short courses and seminars or conferences at both local and international levels. These programmes help employees to increase their competency and effectiveness in the workplace.

8th International Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) Seminar
One of the conferences that UTMSPACE has lined up for this year is the 8th International Language for Specific Purposes (LSP) Seminar. The seminar will be held at the Swiss-Garden Hotel and Residences, KL, from Sept 4 to 5. Asia-Pacific LSP and Professional Communication Association president, who is also the Principal Investigator of RGC Project on International Arbitration Practice: A Discourse Analytical Study, Professor Vijay K. Bhatia, will be the keynote speaker of this conference.

The theme of the conference is “Aligning theoretical knowledge with professional practice”. Those interested in presenting at the conference must submit an abstract by April 30. For details, visit http://seminar.utmspace.edu.my/lsp2012

UTMSPACE is also currently opening its online application for their part-time Diploma programme for its June intake. Interested working adults with at least two years of working experience are welcome to apply at their website. The closing date for the online application is on April 30.

For details, visit http://www.utmspace.utm.my. UTMSPACE news and events can be found at twitter.com/utmspace or facebook.com/utmspace.