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After signing agreements with six more university partners, RDI can now offer learners a wide choice of distance learning diploma, degree, masters, MBA and even doctorate programs in a variety of disciplines including management, business, law, finance and accounting, IT, marketing, tourism and hospitality, education, psychology and public administration. By logging on to RDI's Website, individuals can access 40 qualifications in 13 different subjects from eight different universities, and gain free expert advice about how to apply.

Linda de-Lay, RDI regional director for Asia Pacific, comments: "The ethos of RDI is learning without boundaries. We break down the barriers of location, work and finance that often prevent people from gaining university education, so they can advance their careers and change their lives."

RDI's open access policy is exemplified in its Professional Pathways structure of qualifications, so individuals can join a specific career-focused pathway with no qualifications, study up to masters level while working, and improve their prospects. RDI also offer Pay as You Go options, allowing students to pay for their course in installments as they study.

Recently 85 students of the prestigious University of Bradford (UB) School of Management completed their MBA and BSc qualifications, and RDI Management Learning (the RDI office in HK) worked with the University to arrange their graduation ceremony to HK.

Linda says: "Employers are especially impressed with members of staff who take positive steps of improving themselves while working. They (employers) know that doing a bachelor or master degree program, especially by distance learning mode while you carry on with a full-time job, demands determination, dedication and resilience. These values are highly appreciated and are assets to the company. So much so that many employers help with tuition fees."

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Busy professionals sometimes require extension to submit assignments and that's possible. Students can even defer their study due to work or family commitment. Graduation certificates do not mention mode or location of study and are identical to those of full-time students in the UK.

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