





Figure 1 Photo taken after practising



Figure 2 Bonding Camp



Figure 3 Exposing the drums to the Sun to maintain the quality of the drums



Figure 4 Performance

Summary

I had participated in MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NIGHT. This is an annual event which is organized by Pesta Tanglung Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. There were several performances during this festival and 24 Festive Drums is one of the performance within it. I had took part in 24 festive drums and this is my first time to perform 24 festive drums in such a festival. I was satisfied in this performance as we had completed our performance successfully. This proved that our hard works had been paid off. Besides, I was grateful for having this chance too as I had met with a lot of new friends from different faculty. By joining UTM 24 Festive Drums Club, I not only learnt about how to play 24 Festive Drums, but also exposed myself to different fields of study. This is because we will share the knowledge of our course with each other during the free time. Besides, we also has a coach for teaching and guiding us in playing 24 Festive Drums. Hence, it was a nice experience for me to join as the performer of the 24 Festive Drums as well as become one of the members of the UTM 24 Festive Drums Club.

Reporting

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The festival lasted for 2 days and our performance was held on the second day. Before starting the performance, we had done a lot of practice. However, there was another performance which had been held on the first day of the festival. This performance was participated by 24 members of the UTM 24 Festive Drums Club. Then, the performance on the 2nd day of the festival was took part by another team of 24 members of the UTM 24 Festive Drums Club, including me and the majority of the performers who involved themselves in the 2nd day of the festival were junior members. Hence, this performance was actually our first performance. Even though this was our first performance, we still managed to handle it as we had did a lot of preparation. Besides, we also had a rehearsal to prepare ourselves to cope with the situation of the site.

The performance lasted about 5 minutes and it was successfully carried out by us. We were happy after the performance as our effort had been paid off. We were grateful as we managed to have a good cooperation among each other which is an important role to produce a good 24 Festive Drums performance.

Responding

Before entering UTM, I totally have no experience about playing 24 Festive Drums. However, I had joined the 24 Festive Drums Club after entering UTM due to my interest. When I was joining the activities organized by the club, I was very happy as I managed to meet with different people who were from different faculty. We shared knowledge with each other and this knowledge is not only about the 24 Festive Drums, but also about the academic.

After joining the club for about 2 months, I had been invited by the senior to be the performer of the 24 Festive Drums in the MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NIGHT. I was grateful to have this golden opportunity as it was the first chance for me to play 24 Festive Drums in front of public. Hence, I had accepted the invitation and kept practising afterwards.

I had attended the 24 festive drums practices which would be held every Sunday and Wednesday. Actually, I was a beginner in playing drum. However, I was very grateful to have a coach who was willing to teach us about the techniques of playing 24 festive drums by expecting no return. Based on my view, he was a good coach as he was very patience in teaching us even though we had no experience about playing 24 festive drums. After practicing about 2 months, we manage to perform the 24 festive drums perfectly during PTUTM. Thanks a lot for the teamwork of my teammates as well as the guidance of our coach.

Relating

Since I was a beginner in playing 24 Festive Drums, it was a big challenge for me to learn the skills. However, I was very grateful to have a coach who was willing to teach us about the techniques of playing 24 festive drums by expecting no return. Besides, I also found that the majority members of the UTM 24 Festive Drums Club were starting with basic. Hence, it was an enjoyable for me in order to increase my skills of playing drums with other members.

Even though it was a quite difficult at the beginning, but I managed to do it well with the guidelines provided by the coach and the seniors. Besides, we had recorded the practice process for being reviewed by us. Hence, we could clearly know our mistakes and correct those mistakes in order to have better performance at the next time.

Furthermore, we also maintained our stamina by having a regular exercise as having the music theory is not enough to play the drums well. Therefore, I went for gym at the regular time with my friends during the weekend to train our stamina as long as build our muscles. Hence, I had not only learnt about the music theory when playing the drums, but it also helped me to stay healthy.

Reasoning

The most important factor in playing 24 Festive Drums is teamwork. When I just started to play the drum, I always cannot synchronized myself with the others. Besides, I must also remember the beat while I was playing the drum to make sure I played it correctly. These things were challenging me a lot.

Luckily, I had not only a coach who guided us along the process, there was also a lot of senior to give us advice to make sure we can get the technique in the easiest way. They were very kind and patience for teaching and guiding us step by step until we managed to play the drums well.

To be honest, it's good for us to know the basic of music theory before playing the drum. However, it does not matter if you totally has no knowledge about the music theory. Everyone in the UTM 24 Festive Drums Club will guide us by teaching us the fundamentals of the music theory too. In short, I was grateful that I can join this club to try out the new thing.

Reconstructing

In conclusion, 24 Festive Drums had taught me the importance of teamwork. It will definitely give benefit to me as it had taught me how to cooperate well with the others in order to make our dreams work. Besides, it also motivated me to exercise at a regular time to make sure I have enough stamina and maintain a healthy body. It also enriched my life as there will be at least one activity in each week. The weekly activity was basically aiming to increase the bonding among the members and also increase our soft skills too.

Besides, I was thankful for having such a golden opportunity to be one of the performers of the 24 Festive Drums in the MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL NIGHT as it had created a special memory for me while studying in UTM. I also hoped that there was more chances for me to create such a wonderful memory in the future. Since 24 Festive Drums had implemented a strong teamwork concept in my mind, I hope that I can utilize it to fulfil my dream too as teamwork makes dream works.