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On 15th October 2018 (Monday), I was involved in organizing a cleaning-up programme for School of Computing. I remembered that it was a sunny day. Around 7am, most of the students started to gather at the parking area of the school. Some of the students even brought their own cleaning equipment such as the broom and the dustpan for the cleaning purpose. I really saluted for their passionate towards the job assigned. Before the programme started, every participant was given a set of breakfast, which was roti jala. Although it was a simple breakfast, but the taste was really good. The breakfast really made me full of energy to complete the tasks!



Picture 1

Picture 1 shows the situation when the students started gathered at the car park of the school.

After the breakfast, all the participants were required to gather at the lobby of the main building. The school management department invited Professor Dr. Abdul Samad bin Haji Ismail, the Dean of School of Computing for the opening ceremony of this event. Dr. Abdul Samad briefly explain the tasks for the programme and encouraged us to work with each other instead of doing alone as “*unity is strength*”. The programme was then officially launched by Dr. Abdul Samad.



Picture 2

Picture 2 shows the situation when the programme was officially launched by the Dean.

I was in-charged in preparing the cleaning tools for the students including brooms, dustpans, paint, brushes and others. I was also in-charged in collecting back all the cleaning equipment after the programme. At first, I was quite worried that I was not be able to complete the tasks. Fortunately, there were a few of members assigned to my team and coincidently all my team members were my classmates!

Firstly, our team went to the storeroom and took the equipment needed for the event. After taking the tools from the storeroom, some of us in-charged in distribution of cleaning tools while some of us in-charged in making a record on the number of tools taken by the participants and also registered the name of the participants who took the equipment. We worked with each other to complete the given tasks. After distributing the tools for the students, I also involved in cleaning up the school compound.



Picture 3

Picture 3 shows the situation when I cleaned up the school compound.

Those students who have talent of art were in-charged in mural painting. Mural painting can incorporate the artistic contributions from the students. A successfully mural can present a school's community values and insights for the future. The chance of mural painting provides a sense of ownership to the students and the academic staffs besides beautify the learning environment. We really appreciated the chances given by the school to beautify our learning environment.

Some of the students who good in painting involved in repainting the wall of the school. The paint on some of the wall has peeled off. By repainting the wall, those paint could protect the walls from damage including controlled the progression of wear and tear. Most of the students used bright colour to paint the wall. This was because bright colour could make the people to be more optimism and energetic which suits the students' learning attitudes.

For those who slightly lacked of sense of art were in-charged in rubbish collecting around the school. I am one of students who involved in collecting the rubbish around the school compound using a rubbish clamp. I found out that most of the rubbish were found inside the drain. I worked together with my friends to clean the rubbish inside the drain. Some of my

teammates collected the rubbish using the clamp while some of my friends help to carry the rubbish bag for us to let us threw the rubbish into it.

Besides collecting the rubbish around the school using the clamp, I also used a broom and a dustpan to sweep away the fallen leaves. There were a lot of trees planted around our school. Actually, plants play important roles in the school as plants provides a lot of positive effects to the environment. For example, trees can act as a natural cooling system for the people as they provide shades for us. The more the trees, the more the fallen leaves.

Although the fallen leaves can act as a natural fertiliser for the soil, they also bring negative effects for us. Large amount of fallen leaves might clog the drain and caused the blocked water flow. This situation can cause dengue outbreaks as the mosquitoes like to breed at a place with still water. To prevent this situation to be occurred, some of us used the brooms and dustpans to clean away the fallen leaves in the drain and the leaves on the road. We worked together in order to clean up the school efficiently.

Throughout the event, the weather was very hot. Although I felt tired, but our team managed to seek joy amidst sorrow as I believed the quote “*When life gives you lemons, make lemonade*”. My team members took some interesting photo throughout the activities. Some of us made some funny pose when taking the picture. Some of my friends even used the rubbish to do the funny actions. All of us laughed happily when we saw the photos.

Furthermore, we also chitchatted with each other when doing the tasks. From the conversion, I became more understand about them. This event provided a good opportunity for all the participants to enhance the relationship among the friends because we could understand a person’s background through conversation. At that moment, I realised that actually this event was an ice-breaking session for all the students from School of Computing as everyone had the chance to understand each other when doing the task together.



Picture 4

Picture 4 shows the photo when we had our rest.

After the cleaning process, it was the time for our team to do our final task which was collecting back the cleaning equipment. It was a difficult task because there were too many people who took away the tools. Luckily, we had made a record on the students who took the tools. Our team members worked together in order to complete the task. Some of us in-charged in collecting back the tools from the participants while some of us in-charged in updating the record of the tools. In the end, we successfully collected back all the cleaning equipment from the participants.

The event ended around 12pm. Before we left, I took some group photos with my classmates as my own souvenirs. Although I felt tired on that day due to the hot weather, but still I really enjoyed worked with my teammates in order to give some contributions for the school. At that moment, when I saw the final product after the event, I felt that all my exhaustion was relieved as all the hard works were paid off.

Through this programme, I really believe that teamwork is a crucial element in completing a given task. Teamwork defines as a sense of unity. Teamwork can actually increase the efficiency in a task besides providing better performance which lead to better results. This is because an individual's weaknesses in a team can be compensated by his team

member with the spirit of teamwork. Cooperation between the team members can also make the goals of a team easily to be achieved.

For example, I was in-charged in preparing the cleaning tools for the students in this programme. However, I faced some difficulties in distributing the cleaning tools for the other students and also collecting back the tools as there were so many students took the tools. I cannot handle both tasks at one time.

Luckily, I have my own team of members who were willing to help. Some of them in-charged in listing down the students' name who took the tools while some of them in-charged in delete the students' name who already returned the items. This really helps me a lot and also reduce my work stress.

Communication skill is very crucial in our daily activities. We communicate with each other every day. Communication can make us know the opinion from others and also their own thinking towards a matter. I successfully boost up my communication skills through this first year experience event. I need to communicate among my team members in order to divide the jobs among the members. If they are not satisfied with my ideas, they will suggest me a new idea and I will communicate with them in order to achieve consensus.

In a nutshell, I really learn a lot throughout the First Year Experience activity including communication skills and teamwork. I really appreciate the help offered by my team members. This makes me believe that nothing is impossible if we have enough manpower. There were times where the team faced some obstacles, but still we managed to overcome it. I hoped that I will have the chance to work with them again! Let me end with a quote by Henry Ford, *“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal.”*



Picture 5

Picture 5 shows the group photo after the event.