

ALUMNI SHARING SESSION REPORT

Industrial Talk 3



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Inspiring Work Experience and Covid19 Pandemic Challenge

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The Covid-19 disease continues to spread worldwide, following an unpredictable trajectory of how long it will last over the years. About any front occurrence becomes a simulated gathering with this phenomenon. There is no exception to educational institutions that have obstacles because they can take classes from home. The online structure would replace all classrooms used for teaching and learning. Students and teachers are required to study from their homes in order to escape the Covid-19. Often, it is normal to try to find work in the midst of a pandemic. Any analyzes have observed a reduction in the openings of the workplace. The number of job advertisements continues to decrease every month. The number of businesses offering jobs has also reduced.

The purpose of this talk is to let UTM Alumni share their experience of working in amid of the pandemic and most the Alumni in this talk were fresh graduate and now successfully working in their respective field. Most of the attendees are first-year students who were about to start the journey of degree life and the pandemic is one of the biggest challenges faced by the first-year students as we do not know each other but the university is expecting the best of us for the first semester. The purpose of the Alumni is to give tips and advice on how to survive the Covid-19 pandemic and how to cope with the way of work after the new normal. The speakers, Ms Batrisyia, Mr Mohammad Zamarul and Mr Tan Yong Keong are very acquaintances with how the students felt because they are still together coping with how the system is working. They attend the talk to motivate all the students as both individuals and fellow graduates to encouraged them to be mentally strong and prepared for the challenges in this pandemic.

As for the opening for the talk, the moderator started off with the introduction of the speakers for the sharing session. Then, the talk proceeded with questions from the moderator for the speakers. Firstly, the speakers were asked about how they manage to secure their jobs in this pandemic when everyone else is struggling a lot to find job. Two of the speakers which were Ms Qistina and Mr Zamarul mentioned that they are currently working with the company they worked for the internship. They mentioned that they managed to secure their job at the same company by participating a lot during internship and exposed themselves to the manager so they notice the commitment they were trying to give. As for Mr Yong Keong, he mentioned about being active in university by joining lots of competition to improve the soft skills because in these days, most companies tend to hire people with good soft skills and technical skills. Both can be learned when students are participating in competition.

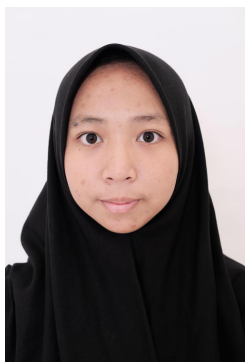
The sharing session continued with the alumni shared some tips of getting hired after graduated. Ms Qistina brought up the importance of having great technical skills like using python and SQL for the programming languages. She also mentioned about being active during the internship so the manager can see the efforts and hard works. Meanwhile, Mr Zamarul mentioned about improving soft skills and learning new technical skills as the company might look for candidates who are able to perform great technical skills. He also stated that students should be able to work in a team because projects usually involve the whole team, not only individually. Mr Yong Keong did share about tips of improving programming skills. He stated that the students need to practise more frequent to understand more about the concept and think of creating something beneficial to help other people to understand more about the coding they are doing. The session was then continued with tips on how to boost one's confidence and their opinion about the differences between study life and career life. The moderator then read some questions from the audiences about their jobs such as the importance of CGPA for the speakers to answer. The talk was ended with the speakers giving tips and motivation words for the students to face their study life and be prepared for the future that are waiting for them especially the career life.

The coronavirus disease continues to spread across the world following a trajectory that is difficult to predict how long it will be going for the years. In conclusion, the Alumni talk about sharing their work experience and Covid-19 challenges inspired the student to be prepared for the upcoming challenges. All in all, the students must be prepared with their skills as the competition would be fierce once again in applying for the job once they are graduated. Apart from that, speakers mentioned that soft skills are important and now students have the time to polish all their skills as well as be more pro-active when they are learning. For many students and teachers, the global pandemic has meant a shift from face-to-face to online learning which required us to adapt and developing a quick response to these struggles will prove to be useful in the future. Finally, considering all the above, we can conclude that this particular talk is very inspiring and helpful to the students especially with how the situation we are currently facing. All together we will able to combat the challenges and the pandemic.

It was an eye-opening talk and very refreshing to see how far they have come after graduation. When I was listening to the talk, they struck a core within me. While on the other hand, the weakness of the talk is that I can't ask questions personally during the talk as there were more than hundreds students attended the talk. All in all, the talk motivates me to be more pro-active in learning through my degree as many points are significant in applying the job that we want. Their idea during the talk gave a forecast of how the future would be if I can apply all those extra skills in a job that we desire. At the end of the day, I loved the contents shared in the talk as It is really helpful in the challenges we face now like online class and assignment and for future endeavours.



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The alumni talk I attended this time was such a calming experience for me, with a weighty topic, but the lecturer who became the moderator was cheerful. The alumni were kind enough to answer questions from first-year students. They specifically offer detail about the job they do. It made me understand that there was yet another level after college with more challenges than ever. On the other hand, the talk weakness is that it is a short duration, but there are still many questions for alumni from first-year students. Overall, this talk will inspire me and open my eyes to the job profile that I will face in the future with tips offered by alumni who are more experienced in higher education so that they are more interested in learning experiences and building networks.

It was a very inspiring and wonderful sharing session from the alumni as it gave an overview of the real career life, unlike the one we saw on television. The speakers were all kind enough to answer all wonders from the students and really tried their best to give the best answers. However, the duration of the talk was quite short that there may be some students who wanted to ask questions to the alumni but due to running out of time, they didn't. I was really inspired by the alumni to work harder in my study life and be more active to learn new skills and even to improve my soft skills as a step to be prepared for the career life. I will also do my best in my future internship because my commitment might be the reason I am working with the same company in the future.



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