

The Obvious News

The Pandemic hasn't been kind, so we need to toughen ourselves.

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Pandemic & Career

Almuni talk held!

By Muhammad Faris Ibrahim

Johor Bahru –Second year computing students felt relieved, they were shown that getting a career in the pandemic is still achievable. Who better to show them how to work than their alumni, because this is what the talk “Alumni sharing session, Inspiring work experience and Covid-19 pandemic challenge” is all about. The talk is was held by the lecturer’s of Technology and Information Systems course of Universiti teknologi malaysia.



Screenshot of the Talk, @writer's documentary

The talk was held at 29th December of 2020, just at the right time to motivate students for a better year ahead of them. The talk was also held online via a webex meeting, had the pandemic were to end we might be getting it on-site, but then the title of the talk wouldn't be about career in the pandemic won't it?

There are 4 guests who filled in the talk, namely **Batrisyia Binti azman shah** who works at TM one, **Mohamad Zamarul akmal bin Mohd Hussin** who works at PPG coatings, **Teo Wen Long** who works at Qumon intelligence, **Tan Yong Keong** who works at Micron semi-conductor Asia. The time they graduated varies and some of them even just graduated last year, but all of them are eager to share their experience in getting a career

What the alumni talk means to us

By Ahmad Zulfikar

Johor Bahru – The alumni talk held today was very meaningful to us. It shows the struggles in starting a career in this pandemic situation, but again they told us that even without a pandemic getting a career is hard if you don't prepare yourself.

What they told us to prepare is not an easy task, but the investment to get it will be worth it, essentially what they told us is to be better people. We can start becoming better people by focusing on what we would like to work on and also vary our interests. They told us that we should be good at our line of work while also try to gain as much as soft skill as we can.

The alumni told us some good activities that we can do in this pandemic and that we shouldn't blame the pandemic but instead try to find as many gold within the cracks. Some things we can do that will benefit us are: joining webinars, take online courses, establish ourselves online. Then if we are feeling joyful then we should try to benefit others by helping out the people affected by the pandemic.

Do you miss your college life?

By Muhammad Faris Ibrahim

Johor Bahru – One of the questions that was asked by the moderator, Dr Johanna Ahmad, was “Do you prefer your college life or your career life?” the question was mostly answered by the alumni favoring their college life. the reason varies, Tan Yong Keong reasoned that “in your college life if you messed up the worst is you get your marks lowered, but in the career life you can't afford to make mistakes, because now all the responsibility matters to you”. This a really touching quote because it shows that we should be prepared to be responsible if we were to success in our career life.

Reflection:

1. Identify the strengths and weakness of the talk
 - a. Muhammad Faris Ibrahim: I think the strengths in this talk is its friendly feeling atmosphere, it helps us relate to the alumni better because their language gets to us quickly, however the unscripted nature also means that there was no major value that were prepared for us, we really just have to go with the flow.
 - b. Ahmad Zulfikar: The strengths of this talk is, make us more open minded if the achievement of us today is the determinant of what will happen in our future. This talk is really good for us as a first year students, creating a interactive talking in this section make me more enthusiastic to know more about alumni that haven't been sharing about their experience and for the weakness is, this talks not too emphasize if the world of work is really difficult and how to be adaptated with that, isn't too underline in this alumni talk but that is not a big mistake actually just a suggestion from me, and overall this talk is gonna be useful for me and other students, i hope can be attend at the other alumni talks that held by school of computing Universiti Teknologi Malaysia.
2. Describe what you learned from this session. What is the motivation, insights, and information did you gain from this session?
 - a. Muhammad Faris Ibrahim: I learned that we should be prepared to the work life from early on so that we can adjust easily and smoothly
 - b. Ahmad Zulfikar: What i've learned in this session is, getting many achivement is one kind of the supporting system to be successfully, because i realize after this alumni talks, to plunge into working envirointment is not easy these days there are many rival to fight with it, if we are not creative and full of the material and capability we will not accepted and must be accept with reality, and the most important that i've got from this session is, i became conscious if working is not just work, we have to be collaborate and try to develop an idea together at this point we can said that in working atmosphere teamworking is the prominent in the success of work.

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