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Inspiring Work Experience And Covid 19 Pandemic Challenge

Sharing session by alumni with title “Inspiring Work Experience and Covid 19 Pandemic Challenge” through Webex inspired the youths.

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On **December 29th** 2020 (Tuesday), all first semester students from the Faculty of Engineering, School of Computing, University Technology Malaysia were encouraged to attend a sharing session by alumni with title “Inspiring Work Experience And Covid 19 Pandemic Challenge” through Webex. The duration of this sharing session was about 1 hour from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. There are four speakers in this talk and all of them are graduated from school of computing, University Technology Malaysia(UTM) and the moderator of this talk is a senior lecturer in school of computing, UTM. Figure 1 shows the poster of alumni sharing session.



Figure 1 : seminar's poster

At 9.50 a.m. until 10.00 a.m., the Webex meeting application has been opened and the students have started to enter using the link provided. Then, the moderator reminded the students to fill in the google form for attendance while waiting for the speakers to enter. The talk started at 10.05 a.m. with the presence of 3 speakers, namely

Qistina Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah, Mohamad Zamarul Akmal Bin Mohd Hussin and Tan Yong Keong. Another speaker who was supposed to participate in this talk was not present that day which was Teo Wen Long.

The main purpose of this talk is to share their working experience in this pandemic era and basically all the alumni that shared their experience were trainees from their intern company and until now they still work there but now as a permanent worker. This really shows that even we are in this pandemic era, the job opportunities are still existing even though there are not many as before pandemic happen. Other than that, this talk also intended to share students about how important soft skills in our job in the future. Not only soft skills but also our involvement in projects in the company either it is a small project or big project are also matter

because this can show how active you are and a reason why the company should hire you as one of their employees.

The talk began with an introductory session from each speaker and also included a moderator. There is a lot of information that has been shared by the speakers such as how they manage to get a secured job, what they did to get the job, their current project, tips or skills needed to be hired and many more. The information shared is very valuable to the students who hear it. Next, there are also question and answer slots with students and many questions given by students to speakers. Before the talk ended, the moderator asked the final words from the speakers to the students as an encouragement to them. The talk ends at exactly 11.00 a.m.

This talk benefited us a lot. The speaker shared many of their working experience and giving many examples to emphasize what they want to express. With their experience, either success or failure, we are able to apply it in real life and make us more competitive to others. By turning the nouns into verbs, we will be getting a higher chance to be hired when we are applying a job. Other than that, the speaker also highlighted the trend of software engineering giving us a clear and correct direction to fighting for. In the nutshell, this talk gives us a clear information for us to draw our blueprint for our future. With useful information shared by speakers, nothing is impossible to get success.

Reflection



Muhammad Dinie Hazim Bin Azali : This talk provides a lot of important information to students to face the career life in the future.

However, this talk time is very short because there are so many things I

want to know from them. I learned a lot of good things from this talk such as always be proactive, take part in any competition, be confident to speak in front of people and always develop my soft skills. From this session, the motivation I get is that there are many opportunities and spaces to succeed in life but it depends on us whether we want to take it or not.



Maizatul Afrina Safiah Binti Saiful Azwan : This talk really gives us as a student a lot of information and can expand our point of view about working in the future.

Sadly, this talk session was too short and I hope when next session will be longer than this. From this talk, I learned so many things about how to secure your job/career at your intern company such as participate in any project does not matter small project or big project because it can tell either you are a person that can work with people or not, and then always be confident especially in soft skills

and this really shows that soft skills are very important in the future especially when working with people or meeting with clients. This really motivates me to improve my soft skills as it is very important in the future and start to involve with activities to practice myself working with other people.



Hong Pei Geok: This talk can give more information to fresh students about their future life and they can plan from now.

However, as the questions was asked by moderator on the spot, the speakers did not prepare a fluent and complete script. From this sharing session, I know that the importance of technical and soft skills. As most of the employers will look at these abilities. Not only that, we should learn to get opportunities and not just waiting it come to us. Thus, I need to start training on my skills from now by practicing, asking and studying.



Nurfarrahin Binti Che Alias: This talk teaches me the importance of securing your career in the future.

Besides, I've learnt the importance of having great soft skill in order to especially when it comes to communicating with clients and co-workers. Furthermore, I feel motivated to explore new things to gain experience for future purposes. Overall, the talk is fun and I had a great time listening to the speakers sharing their experiences with us.



Singthai Srisoi : This talk really blow my mind of the knowledge of IT.

Before attending to this talk, I have no idea about all the stuff that the speaker talking in the talk. The speaker shared many experiences about the benefit to learn more skill. This makes me decided to give spending more time in improving myself. After this talk, I am able to come out with a good planning of my future direction.