## INSPIRING WORK EXPERIENCE & COVID-19 PANDEMIC CHALLENGE



#### SECP1513-06 G4

UTM JB has invited 4 alumni which are Qistina Batrisya (Social Media Data Analyst with almost 1-year experience), Tan Yong Keong (Data Science Engineer with  $1\frac{1}{2}$ -year experience), Mohamad Zamarul Akmal (Data Engineer at PPG Coatings), and Teo Wen Long (Software Engineer at Qumon Intelligence) to share their work experience and tips on how to survive during the pandemic.

Covid-19 has been the biggest challenge for people especially working adults to survive since the pandemic entered Malaysia on 25 January 2020. A lot of people have been losing their jobs and having a hard time trying to find income in the middle of a pandemic. The main idea of this alumni sharing session is to guide students and give tips on how students can thrive in the university while facing the Covid-19 challenges.

### TOPIC

#### **JOB EXPERIENCE**

To begin, Dr. Johanna asked the alumni how they got their jobs. Tan Yong replied that participating in competitions helps him a lot as he got his job interview while participating in a competition and this has landed him in his current job. Zamarul answered that he has been very passionate and proactive by proposing a new project idea for during his internship. For Qistina, she got her job by doing a great job in the project she was assigned to in her internship days. What they all had agreed on was that soft and technical skills are the main criteria most workplaces search for and these can be acquired through dedication.

#### **PRORAMMING**

Next, they were asked how they become fond of programming and how to improve their programming skills. They answered that practice and a proper mindset are required to love programming and improve the skills.

#### **CGPA**

Lastly, a student asked what should be their minimum CGPA be to land a good job. They all advised to mainly focus on the skills and maintaining a CGPA of 3.0 and above, which they suggest is enough along with good social skills. They also suggest taking online courses as it can improve our skills.

#### **SUMMARY**

It is all about soft skill, technical skill and using the chance given beneficially to secure or getting our job. We need to understand the concept of the code to learn a new programming language in our jobs. We need to maintain the CGPA above 3.0 and focus on our skills, so it can help us in getting job.

STRENGTH	WEAKNESS	RECOMMENDATION
The talk flow was really smooth and inspiring, because they explain to their listeners how they are trying to get their jobs, and they also tell them how to improve their skills in their respective fields and also provide tips to focus on our abilities which is very useful for the listeners.	One speaker speaks too fast and also a few times less clearly, which can lead to the audience being confused.	It is better if they add more speakers so that listeners can hear more experience of the speakers and also the knowledge the speakers shared.

#### **REFLECTION**

From this talk, we realize that having good soft and hard skills are very crucial. Soft skills will help us ease our workflow and hard skill become our fundamental knowledge in our work. Companies look for students that have these criteria as they have the potential to be good workers. We are inspired to keep polishing our soft and hard skills so it can be a great fundamental for our job in the future.

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