

ALUMNI SHARING SESSION



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GENERAL INFORMATION OF THE TALK

Session of introduction

The panel consists of three members and one moderator share and discuss about valuable guidance on how to secure your job and how to enhance our hiring chance.

Panel Members and Moderator

- Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah(B) Social Media Data Analyst TM One
- Mohamad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin Data Engineer PPG Coatings (M)
- Tan Yong Keong Data Science Engineer Microm Semiconductor Asia
- Moderator Dr Johanna Ahmad Senior Lecturer School of Computing UTM

Sharing Session

They pointed out that we must always be proactive, be adaptable to new environment and never stop learning. We must forever practice to widen our knowledge in either programming, soft skills, teamworking skills and in building our confidence.

Purpose Of Talk

By Dr Johanna Ahmad

As first year degree student, we are being so ignorance and full of uncertainties in this new environment. The alumni talk is aimed to:

- Motivate us in our whatever degree program by providing tips from experienced seniors.
- Share experiences before entering the career pathway from experienced seniors.
- Guide us throughout the degree program from experienced seniors.
- Ease our program by providing an answer to our uncertainty from experienced seniors.

About Talk in Chronological Order

Firstly, Introduction by moderator; Introducing moderator's background and position. Then, Moderator greeting Introduction to speaker-Introducing three speakers' background and position in current company. However, it goes to speaker greeting and some Q & A session.

Session for moderator asked question based on speakers' achievements such as:

- How to secure job
Have experience and active in university event also do some freelancer job. To share how good our working commitment we can share our own idea in work project to amaze employer and share idea to improve company quality.

- Current work project
- Tips to increase hiring rate
Be a proactive and take initiative in whatever you are doing. Although, be adaptable to the environment so you can be a learner and socialize in the company. As a fresh graduate, a way to improve is always learn new technical and practical skills so it also can enhance your soft skills and teamworking skills. Be confident by active in competition well it trains to be an excel presenter and widen experiences. Be a volunteer in any work you do.

- Open question from audience

Is CGPA affect their career pathway?

As working in private sector, they usually need to require higher hard skill it need based on attitude also compare to government sector it requires higher gap and need skills more.

Effect of failure in competition?

Result of failure is not important, but gaining experiences is important and lesson learnt is much more valuable than success or failure.

Summary

Three alumni from UTM were invited to give opinions and tips based on their study and work experience. They gave tips on how they managed to secure their current job. And how important it is to gain many experiences and knowledge about industry through side-job or internship. All three alumni were asked many questions by the audience for instance is how to gain confidence. A few tips they gave is to participate in competitions, program and projects and practice volunteering to present in the front to train your confidence. At the end, their advice is to enjoy our university life, explore many things while learning new stuffs and make lots of friends.

Reflection

As the talk is really interesting, It makes me reflect to become a good attitude. Having all those set of soft skills can make myself become more secured and successful. I need to stand out from my comfort zone. The weakness of the talk is maybe the talk time is too short, is not enough to answer all the wandering questions. The strength is it makes us gain knowledge about all the need you need to have before start working in a company. All the motivation makes us become more confident

First of all, our group would like to a grant gratitude to the alumni who is the seniors of us for their willingness to share their personal tips to us. From the talk, we are motivated to be success in our degree program so that we will have better future like our seniors. Foremost, the talk had given us a lot of tips in order to success in the future career as our seniors. The key is to be proactive in the event as it give a lot of experiences for future.

Our group agree that the talk should be held longer and at a less busy period so that our personal question can be ask and we are more able to focus on the talk. However, The talk really satisfied our doubts, worries and uncertainties as we are just strangers wandering in this unfamiliar new environment we never stumble upon before in our life. Our actions throughout the degree program were also based by the contents of the talk which acts as a guide that led us to great success in the future.

