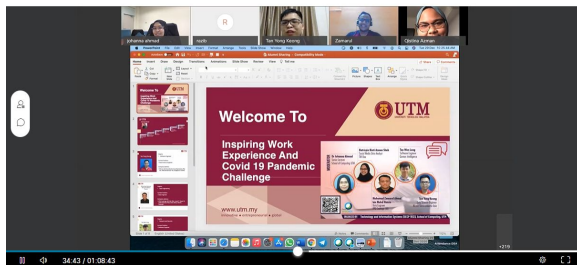# Inspiring Working Experience And Covid-19 Pandemic Challenge

29th of December 2020- A sharing session from the school of computer alumni was held by School of Computing UTM to inspire the first year students about the working experience and Covid-19 pandemic challenges.

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The sharing session was held via online platform, Webex, due to the Covid -19 pandemic. However, it did not affect the passions of the seniors for sharing experiences to their juniors in the School of Computing. The program began with a welcoming speech by Dr Johanna Ahmad as a moderator and introduction of all the speakers which are Tan Yong Keong, Mohammad Zamarul Akmal, and Qistina Batrisyia.

Tan Yong Keong or YK, who currently worked as Data Science Engineer in Micron Semiconductor Asia, Singapore shared that his own experience in pursuing his career. Since YK was in university, he was very active in participating in competitions, which helps him to gain self-confidence as well as professional skills. He also stressed that the result of the competition was not important but the experience, gained after losing or winning the competition is more valuable in the future. Hence, he encouraged the juniors to active in joining competitions. In addition, he said that he also took freelance jobs before he got himself in current job. Through the freelance jobs, he had sharpened his skills and gained more working experiences. During the sharing session, Tan Yong Keong or YK also shared his hobbies during his leisure time. YK said that he usually will play games, or read books which are related to machine learning or Artificial Intelligence (AI). Moreover, he also shared, how he stay motivated especially during the pandemic. YK said, he always stayed positive, excite to explore new things and willing to help people by developing new program or software. At the same time, he gave some advises to the juniors, in improving programming skills. He suggested the juniors to practice more and changed their mindset to love or enjoy programming. Before he end his talks, he also wished the juniors to have a wonderful university life and stay safe as the covid-19 pandemic had not ended.

Mohammad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin was the second speaker, He is a data engineering graduate student, and currently works as a Data Engineer in PPG Coating (M), He is a very proactive student, always has many ideas to develop, and contributes a lot. During his internship he proposed from a monitoring dashboard to a monitoring database, and also a manual dashboard to a digital dashboard. To deepen his language, Zamarul has several skills, both technical and soft skills. for the technical skills that he has mastered, there are e-learning, Edex, training programs, while for soft skills, he has communication skills (active talk), and cooperation in achieving the goals of a project.

In his interview, Zamarul told how UTM helped him get a job. He said it all depends on you, UTM has provided facilities and treats him as a friend. So there must be a willingness from yourself, open your mind and start walking to get a higher reward. Zamarul always believed in his business, even though he never had excessive work experience. give a good experience to the lecturer, and make a friendship, so you can have a lot of knowledge in various fields.

"Enjoy your own life", said Zamarul. from here we are taught to always be grateful for our lives.be yourself, seek more knowledge and always be friendly to anyone.

The third speaker Qistina Batrisyia binti Azman Shah, who graduated in data engineering and currently working as Social Media Data Analyst in TM One, shared her experiences on how she managed to get a job. During her internship, she makes a lot of effort to join a project until her supervisor asks her to join the company and further work on the project. The project is about gathering all the social media data and interpreting the data into a social media dashboard for the client to improve their company branding.

In addition, she shared some tips for being hired as a permanent employee. Firstly, be proactive. We should not wait for others to teach us in doing some job, and immediately tell others when we need guidance. Secondly, do not even limit yourself and try to learn new stuff. After that she shared that we can train our confidence, in joining some programs that need us to present something during university life. It will help us to expose ourselves in order to raise up the confidence level. Moreover, she also shared how she keeps motivated in life, she said in order to keep motivated, she loves the work that she doing to improve better. Last but not least, she advises and wishes all students to stay safe, make friends, have fun, and do not stress ourselves.

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