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UTM GRADUATES SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE

Getting to Know

By Ahmad Kemal Aushaf

JOHOR BAHRU –3 of UTM computing faculty alumni took their time to share their thoughts on work experiences to juniors. They are: **Tan Yong Keong** a data engineer, **Qistina Batrisyia binti Azman Shah** as social media data analyst, and **Mohammad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin** as data engineer.



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To get to their positions right now, they were going through a slight different path. **Tan** used his university time to participate in a lot of competitions and gained a high CGPA. While **Zamarul** got his job by being active during his internship time. He said *"I try to expose myself by giving ideas and opinions during my intern time."*

For **Qistina's** case, not too different from **Zamarul**, she also has her job offered from the company she worked for during her internship time, she stated that her supervisor wanted her to join his team to continue the project that she was doing during the internship.

Is the CGPA the only standard for students?

By Samuel Luk

In the opinion of **Tan Yong Keong**. He has said that CGPA is important, but it is not your final goal. CGPA is one of the criteria to filter out most among the most of the people. He said that students need to learn the extra skills, and it will help you to get a higher chance to be selected, also in every project.

According to **Qistina Azman**, she mentioned that students need to be proactive. Students do not wait until other people teach you how to do it. "Don't limit yourself," she said.

Besides, for **Zamarul**, He advised students to learn new fundamental knowledge skills. He suggested students could take online courses.

Zamarul also suggested that be an easy-going person. Team Working would always help them to solve the tasks easily.

Stay motivated on a daily basis?

By Adnan Shafi

3 alumni from UTM gave some insight into their day-to-day life and work to newcomers. In the interview they had Tan Yong Keong and Mohammad Zamarul Akmal Bin Mohd giving their insights as a data engineer and last but not least Qistina Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah, sharing her thoughts as a data engineer. Each of them apparently had unique outlooks on how to keep themselves motivated in their daily lives..

According to Qistina, one's professional life may have bumps along the way but she manages to keep herself going strong by loving the job that she does. She said "You love to do job and you love what you do".

		<p>Apart from loving one's job, Tan said that one should focus on goals that will not only benefit themselves but the people around them just like he kept himself motivated by working on a project that will help people in predicting dengue outbreaks. Furthermore, Zamarul also mentioned that learning new skills and hobbies on a regular basis can keep someone motivated daily just like he did. He also said that caffeine also kept him going strong.</p>
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- a. **Ahmad Kemal A** : I find a lot more positive outcome in this talk rather than a negative one. The moderator led the session very well and handled the talk comfortably. Not just we got to meet and get to know our seniors who have been hired at their respective company, they gave us a lot of useful information about overview of their jobs and their college life in UTM. The only thing that does not really fit with me regarding this talk is how this talk was held, which is via online meeting. But we can not handle the situation and all parties involved were doing their job excellently. Some of them made me eager to learn and study hard during my study life but do not forget to take care of ourselves. This also motivates me to go and participate in a lot of competitions or tournaments on campus as it could make me better at what I'm studying and employers will look at it as a plus point which can be a better chance for me to get hired.
- b. **Samuel Luk** :The strengths of this talk is it was held online, every student could attend this talk everywhere. Besides, every speaker was working in a different company.We can conclude their experience easily. The weakness of the talk was held online also. There were some students in the areas of weak internet. They could not hear the talk clearly and cannot get the point. The speaker would meet the condition loss connection also. From this talk, I have learned we need to learn the extra skills besides the fundamental knowledge in the lessons.The good result is a good reason that we can be interned by the company, but a good soft-skills will decide that we can be selected by the company or not.
- c. **Adnan Shafi** : I learnt about a lot of core components for keeping oneself motivated in both university life and work life from this alumni interview session. I got a lot of inspiration and some real-life hacks to grind towards new accomplishments and goals. I solemnly express my appreciation for their commitment to the alumni members and make time to assist us in obtaining useful advice about professional life.

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