

Purpose of the talk

The objective of this session is for the speakers to share their work experience and how they become good in their careers. They expressed how they manage to follow their vision and become an employee in a company. They also share to the students how they balance their time between research and curriculum during their time back in the campus.

They also share how they gain inspiration to focus on their careers. From this talk it is very helpful for students that lost their spirit to gain knowledge especially during the Covid-19. The other goal of the talk was also to inspire the student's spirit to concentrate on their studies for their futures and follow their dream jobs in the future.

# **NEWS**

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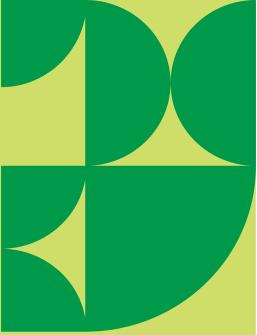


poster by the School of Computer which organized by the Technology and Information Systems Department, School of Computing, UTM

### **General Information**

On the 29th December 2020, an alumni sharing session called "Inspiring Work Experience and Covid-19 Pandemic Challenge" have been held and organized by the Technology and Information Systems Department, School of Computing, UTM from 10 AM to 11 AM

The moderator, Dr. Johanna Ahmad, the senior lecturer from the School of Computing is joined by Mrs. Batrisyia as a social media data analyst in TM One, Mr. Teo as a software engineer in Qumon Intelligence, Mr. Zamarul as a data engineer in PPG Coatings (M), Mr. Tan as a data science engineer in Micron Semiconductor Asia as the speakers to share their work experience so far and the challenges they face as employees during the Covid-19 pandemic during the session.



Najib's Reflection

I have gained so much information about the work life, it is not easy from what I heard from the speakers. But the speakers shared so many helpful information how I can be good in career life and how to stand out among other employees in a company.

I also learned how important soft skills are, therefore I must enhance my communication skills, teamworking, and listening. Technical skills are also important because not all companies use the same way of working such as using the same programming language. I must diversify my technical skills in order to fit in big companies.

### **Strajum's Reflection**

For me it was a great opportunity to take some knowledge from the seniors as it is pandemic and we can't really met with the personalities who make the university proud of themselves .I also learned about the skills which will help to grow a beautiful future .They also talked about some experience which is going to help me in future. Senior's advice is always necessary to take vital steps and this talk really helped me to believe that I also can do better in future if I give my best to everything.

## Highlights

The talk hold on 29th December 2020 at 8 am. The topic was "Inspiring Work experience and Covid-19 Pandemic Challenge". The talk was on alumni sharing. 4 guests were attended the talk all 4 are alumni from UTM. The guests were:

- (i) Tan Yong Keong. He is an alumnus of UTM and a successful person. He achieved his bachelor's degree from UTM in software engineering. Now he works as a data science engineer.
- (ii) Qistina Batrisyia. She Is another alumni from UTM. She got her bachelor degree from UTM in data engineering and now she works as a social media data analyst at TM ONE.
- (iii) Mohamad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin. He is also an alumnus from UTM. He got his bachelor degree from UTM in data engineering. Now he works as a data engineer.

After the ice-breaking part, Ms. Johanna Ahmad shared her carrier and shared about her degrees. Then the guest alumni shared their story behind their success. At first, YK shared his story. He attended many competitions during his bachelor degree level. And he also did freelance work during his bachelor degree level. That how he gathered experience on it and get an internship and get his job.

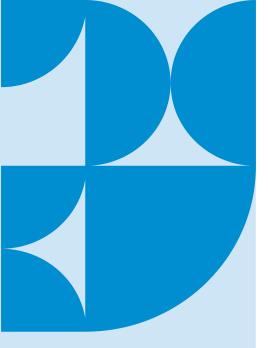
After YK, Zamarul shared his story behind his success. During his internship, he was proposed to create a monitoring dashboard for his data company. And that company was using the data company environment. But at that time when he is doing his internship, the company were using big data tool. So, he told them why not creates a system that can do all jobs in a single time. This proposal became his luck and get his permanent job.

Then it comes Qistina's turn and she shared her story behind her present job and success. In the case of Qistina it's quite different from the other two guests. She got a job by her internship and same as an internship.

After their introduction about themselves and their workplaces. They gave students some advice. Which will be helpful for us. In the future, we will do better if we can learn from our succeeded alumni. We need to work hard in this pandemic and improve our soft skills. By taking online courses we can improve the skills that will be helpful for us. We need to have a good idea about soft skills for our future job and workplaces. We need to handle projects very attentively which makes our skills good.

If we want to improve the coding skills, we need to practice coding more and more. This was also mentioned by the guests.

We can follow our successful alumni to make our life successful. We need to work hard and work intelligently so that we could make our life successful.



#### **Tawfiq's Reflection**

I gained lots of information from the talk. I learned how important the soft skills are and how I could help us in our future workplace. From the guest speakers I learned about their story behind their success which will be so much helpful for us. We can make a good future if we can motivate ourselves from these kinds of successful persons. We can gather lots of experience if we can join competitions more and more. It will be helpful for us.

### **Summarization**

There is no limit or age of learning in this world. All we know is maybe a little part of this world or maybe smaller than that. We can learn from our respective alumni that how to conquer in the work field or job field , How to survive with best skill . there are a lot of competition all around . In order to cope with that we also need to do the competition with others, otherwise we cant cope up with the world . We have a lot of things to learn from our seniors as we are the future youth leaders . Moreover, there is pandemic going on all over the world , there is crisis all over the world with jobs and essential parts. So, we have to grow our skills ,work power day by day according .we have to compete with better and better ones daily to cope up with this competitive world and alumni will be a great source of experience maker to us as they conquer their field jobs .