

# Alumni Session

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## INSPIRING WORK EXPERIENCE AND COVID 19 PANDEMIC CHALLENGE

### Purpose of the talk

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**JOHOR**-On 29 December 2020, the School of Computing of UTM held an alumni sharing forum for the Technology and Information Systems students for an hour from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. The aim of the talk is to brief the first year students on the work experiences of speakers and some tips on how to cope up with the Covid-19 pandemic. Having said that, three ex-students of UTM, Tan Yong Keong, Mohamad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin and Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah were invited to give the talk on their work environment and the challenges they faced. Dr. Johanna Ahmad was the interviewer of the discussion.

### Tan Yong Keong

Muhammad Shauqie Danish bin Abas

**JOHOR** – In 2019, Tan Yong Keong graduated with a software engineering degree. He is currently working as a data science engineer of a well-known organization, which is named Micron Semiconductor Asia Operation Pte. He gave us some guidance such as ways to secure a job, while living a university life which is learning some skills. He says that no matter whether you win or lose, you must compete in several tournaments, because you can learn a lot of technical skills that can benefit you in your life and can train you eventually. In addition, since success is helpful for your future, you must strive to obtain some accomplishments. The in the job interview, good resume can help you in the future. Before he ends his speech, he gave his opinion about learn coding which some of the students worried about. Then, Tan calmly said all languages are the same in terms of concept and we should keep practicing coding to polish our skills in programming at leetcode which is a website that is good to practice coding.



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Raja Muhammad Hafiz Bin Raja Alaudin Shah  
**JOHOR** – Zamarul graduated with a degree in Data Engineering and currently work as a Data Engineer in PPG Coatings (M) company located in Shah Alam, Selangor after his internship in the said company. Zamarul got the attention of the company after he proposed to create monitoring dashboard that monitored all jobs with one system instead of manual monitoring which in result became his final year project and get absorbed by the company after the internship. Zamarul also mentioned two tips that need to be enhanced during the pandemic which is learning new technical skills. He stated that during the pandemic we can learn new skill that are different from the fundamental skill that had been learn in the university by attending online courses and training program such as Link-eLearning, codecamp and Edx. He also give a point in improving our soft skill especially the communication skill as he explains that this is important when presenting an idea. He also gives importance in teamwork skill as you will need to work with other people especially when assigned to an assignment which proof easier to work on with teamwork. Zamarul also gives his experience on how he gains confidence and he stated that he done this by exposing himself in the competition and presenting his project to others. Zamarul also pressed on the topic of responsibility when comparing his career life with student life as he gave an advice that stated that “Try to discipline yourself minimizing your mistake.

### Qistina Batrisyia binti Azman

Mohamad Hadif Nazhan Bin Halmey

**JOHOR**- Graduated in June 2020 with a degree in Data Engineering, Qistina currently works as a social media data analyst in TM One for almost a year including her internship. She gathers social media data such as Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and interpret them into a dashboard. The dashboard will be used by the management for marketing purposes. Qistina shared some experiences on getting a job. She mentioned that her management which is in the private sector, prioritizes work skills more than the CGPA itself. She also mentioned that, while participating in many activities or competitions is encouraged, winning or losing them does not matter because by the end of the day, the management of a company are interested to see how candidates show their teamwork skills before being selected. Lastly, Qistina shared about how she stays motivated by loving what she is currently doing in her job.



Qistina Batrisyia binti Azman Shah

**Summary**

Muhammad Izwan Sazmin

**JOHOR** – In a nutshell, the alumni were very supportive to the students as they motivate them to learn other programming languages, improve their communication skills and to be an active student that can contribute to the society. The work experience during Covid19 pandemics that have been shared by the speakers also help the students to learn how to adapt in a such situation. In order to become a competent employee, students need to be well prepared for them to be hired by the company that they love to work for in the future.

**Reflection**

Muhammad Izwan Sazmin

**JOHOR** – From my point of view, every speaker has their own way to grab the audience’s attention. In this talk, they manage to make the students to pay attention to them as they use a relaxing intonation during the session. The talk supposedly needs to be a face-to-face session with the students to make them to pay more attention because the online platform was fully depending on the internet connection. This is the only weakness that I have found from the talk. The speakers have motivated me to gain other soft skills such learning the basic of python language and practice a good communication between people. This will boost my chances to be hired by the company that I have dream to work for since beginning.



Muhammad Izwan Sazmin

Muhammad Shauqie Danish bin Abas

**JOHOR** – This talk which involving the seniors sharing their experiences about their university life, the achievements and advices about the jobs in the future are a good exposure

for us. I also feel proud that these seniors worked in top companies which I know they work so hard to get it. The output they gave to us also very clear and beneficial to us. The only weakness of the talk is it was conducted online, and I think not all had the opportunity to watch this live. After the talk, I feel more motivated to study and participate more so that I can get more experiences to face the job world.



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Raja Muhammad Hafiz Bin Raja Alaudin Shah

**JOHOR** – After attending these alumni sharing session, I have a clearer vision on what it is like when I step into a career life thanks to the alumni that shared their experience from their time in the university until their time now working in their respected career. This sharing session also has opened my eyes to many things that will help me get hire when I finally step into the career world. They also gave many advices that prove to be useful when I am in my time in my university and in my career life when the time comes. In conclusion, this talk has been very useful and interesting as it is given from the alumni themselves and their experience can be relatable to mine because they have gone through student life in the same university and can be a goal to my ambition.



Raja Muhammad Hafiz Bin Raja Alaudin Shah

Ilamuhil A/L Kathiravan

**JOHOR** – In total, the talk was an eye opener to me especially when it comes to the skills needed to cope up with the current job and an insight on the working environment. On top of that, the speakers were very knowledge which we can

consider as the strength of the talk. The only impairment of the talk was the time allocated to it. I personally learnt and realised the importance of practical skills and soft skills in order to compete with the other graduates. Ultimately, the talk pretty much motivated me to be active and gain experience through my university life.



Ilamuhil A/L Kathiravan

Mohamad Hadif Nazhan Bin Halmey

**JOHOR** – In my opinion, I enjoy this talk because the speakers were very friendly and shared everything they could regarding on their job, work skills and study life tips. The speakers had also managed to answer many of our questions clearly. By attending this talk, I learnt that I need to keep myself busy with competitions or activities during study life in university so that I can gain skills and experience required in most companies and workplaces and become a competent graduate. I was motivated to not stress out, do the things I love and overcome the challenges that I will be facing throughout the journey of getting my degree. Lastly, I learnt that practical skills and teamwork are also important besides CGPA especially to companies in the private sector. Therefore, I need to enhance my skills and gain more experience apart from participating in team activities to further meet the requirements of a successful graduate.



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