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Alumni Sharing Session with Tan Yong Keong, Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah and Mohammad Zamarul Akmal Bin Mohd Hussin

(Inspiring Work experience & Covid19 Pandemic Challenge)

Moderator: Dr. Johanna Ahmad

How to manage to get a job?

Reporter: Jonathan Ting Moi Yao

UTM – Initially, there was a presentation on Cisco Webex start from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. Tan Yong Keong told us that a beautiful resume and taking part of competitions would lead you to get a good job. During the study years in UTM, he participated in various types of competition and these could be useful for us when writing resume. It does not matter if we win or lose in those competitions, but the most important part is that we can learn something in the competitions.

From Zamarul, he said that soft skills are also a key to job employment. People that have soft skills are more to being hired compared to those who has only hard skills. Though hard skills show off your experience and understanding of a measurable ability, soft skills often indicate your ability to work with others

and grow within a company.

From Batrisyia, she told us that she was managed to get her job because she showed her passion and capability to the subject that she was assigned during her intern. Thus, her supervisor wants her to continue her works after she was graduated.

<u>Tips to improve ourselves before going</u> into working environment.

Reporter: Jonathan Ting Moi Yao

UTM – Zamarul shared his tips which is to learn new technical skills. He advised us to learn other technical skills different from the fundamental things that we have learned in university. Having skills that others do not have are a huge merit to secure a job.

Batrisyia also share her tips that we should not limit ourselves in learning new things. We should try our best to learn it and do not wait until people tell us what to do. Being a proactive person that always

ask question will improve our images.

Besides, three of the speakers agree that enhancing soft skill is important. Soft skills are not only needed in a company to blend with our colleagues, but it is more important when we are facing our superiors. As we know, doing things alone are much slower and low efficiency Therefore, employers tend to investigate our soft skills rather than what we can do.

How to gain confidence?

Reporter: Cha Zhi Ye

UTM – According to Tan
Yong Keong and Batrisyia,
confident level can be trained.
Yong Keong advises us
participate in various
competitions because we have

the chance to present our project and ideas so that is the reason why we can train our confidence. Moreover, we need to have high confidence level and spirits to beat all other participants and win the competition. Batrisyia also was managed to get her job because she showed her passion and capability to the advises us to be brave when facing people.

From Zamarul, he advises us to volunteer ourselves to talk with others when participating in any games or programs. They all agree with that being active in activities will definitely help us to become more confident.

Strength and weakness of the talk

Reporter: Lee Wan Fu

UTM – The speakers speak very clearly and all of us can understand that what they are talking about. Otherwise, we will not concentrate to the talk by just opening the Webex and while doing other things. Hence, all of us think that the speakers speak well and they have successfully conveyed their ideas. Also, the content of the speakers is very interesting and it makes that all of us want to keep listening the talk. However, there are some noises that made by people who did not close their microphone. This caused that all of us cannot hear what the speakers said. Fortunately, the

moderator Dr Johanna closed the related person's microphone and we are very grateful to her.

Information gain from the talk

Reporter: Cha Zhi Ye

us from getting our jobs if we have been prepared during our degree years. In university, we must not just use our time on studying our academics only. But also, we need to widen our view and see more things in order to improve ourselves. One having hard skills is not enough for us to be employed but it merely just helps us to get a decent result in degree. We must be good at both hard skills and soft skills to increase our job employability. A degree with 4.0 CGPA does not guarantee you to get a job and that is the reason why we must polish our soft skills.

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