

# The Challenges faced & overcoming Covid-19

## INSPIRING WORK IN COVID-19 PANDAMIC

The meeting was about the challenges faced and overcome by the UTM Alumni during this COVID-19 situation. The session was held on Cisco WebEx and was moderated by Dr. Johanna Ahmad, Senior Lecturer, School of Computing, UTM was organised by Technology and Information Systems (SECP1513), School of Computing, UTM. The Alumni who shared their experiences are- 1. Mr. Tan Yong Keong, Data Science Engineer, Micron Semiconductor Asia. 2. Mr. Mohamad Zamarul Akmal bin Mohd Hussin, Data Engineer, PPG Coatings (M). 3. Miss Batrisyia Binti Azman Shah, Social Media Data Analyst, TM One.

## PURPOSE OF THE TALK

*The talk mainly focused on the process of how to get hired in a company. The Alumni's shared their stories of how they got a job as fresh graduates during this pandemic. Mr. Batrisiya mentioned that it necessary to develop ones to technical skills side by side with their education and also pursue towards internship. In the same way, Mr. Mazarul also suggested to develop one's technical skills and also other skills during this COVID-19 period which is going to be well enough to make a good CV for getting a job. That could even be a presentational skills which Mr. Tan Yang Keong also mentioned.*





## What Happened?

The meeting was hosted by Dr. Johanna Binti Ahmad. She started the meeting by introducing our seniors. Dr shared her qualifications and how she did her undergraduate and masters. Our seniors shared about their UTM life. They shared how did they studied. They suggested us to participate in programs and increase our skills. Mr. Zamarul shared how did he get the job in the middle of this pandemic. They suggested us to use Online platforms like Edx, Udemty to enhance our soft skills. How to gain confidence was a hot topic in the session. Everyone had their own opinion. They shared about their CGPA. Dr Johanna said skill is more important than CGPA. There was a question answer session between participants and the coordinators.. There was a question answer session between participants and the coordinators. All of them shared their first-year experience and finished the meeting by giving some motivations.

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### Summary

It was very helpful and our seniors and lecturers discussed briefly and shared us their experiences.

The question answer session helped us to communicate with them. Hopefully we will be able to use these information and suggestions in our Future.

### Reflection

The session enhanced our outlook about skill development. It motivated us to be more work oriented and to give importance to extracurricular activities besides studies. We also learnt that how our senior manage, plans and participates in different projects in their workplace. The Q/A part cleared our doubts and encouraged us to be more serious and dedicated about career development.

The session improvised my knowledge and views. Our seniors shared their job experiences and their university journey which upgraded my insights of being equally skilled and gaining good grades. The suggestion of engaging in online platform to develop skills was a great motivation for me.