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UTM alumni share inspiring work experiences and tips to Computing's students in facing Covid19 pandemic challenge

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On 29th December 2020, Tuesday, there were more than 200 especially students **UTM** Computing's students participated in a talk or a sharing session that were given by UTM alumni students. The talk was organized by Technology and Information System, school of computing, UTM. Dr Johanna Ahmad as the moderator for this talk. This was an online conference platform using Cisco webex. The title is Inspiring work experience and covid 19 pandemic challenge, delivered by school of computing alumni. The conference was held on 29 december 2020 at 10:00am to 11:00am.

The first speaker was Batrisya binti Azman Shah, she was a software engineering student and currently working as a Social Media Data Analyst at TM One. Second speaker is Tan Yong Keong, he was a data engineering student and currently working as a Data Science Engineer at Micron Semiconductor Asia. Third

speaker is Mohammad Zamarul Akmal, he was a data engineering student and currently work as a Data Engineer at PPG Coatings(M).

The talk is a sharing session between the alumni and the students to share their work experience, motivation, useful information and tips in facing COVID19 pandemic challenge and a way to study in a new norm for the students as most of the students were first year degree student that unfortunately need to go through their first sem virtually. As we know, it is very hard to study or focus in class when you are currently at home.

Firstly, all the speakers gave a brief introduction about themselves to the students and then, they start to share about their experience after graduated. They shared about how they manage to get a job and told the students that join a lot of competition and be active in any activities that been held in or outside UTM also can help in getting a job easier. Then during their internship experience, we must be an active person in doing project. One of the tips that given to the students was try learning new things during pandemics and improve soft skill by joining online course from web. After that they share about how to keep motivated when doing a job which is it depends on our mindset. A mindset is the key to stay motivated in your job. They also give an inspiring motivation such as when we lose in a competition, we actually winning it in gaining experience.

This talk tells us to find our own career. First is to give ourselves

accurate positioning and find our own direction. Position yourself to have a comprehensive understanding of our own, know what we are suitable for, what we are good at, through comprehensive analysis to determine their career goals. Position yourself accurately, and you'll make good use of your resources, focus on development, and maximize your strengths.

Have accurate positioning of yourself, but if your ability is not up to, still cannot find a good job, so also pay attention to strengthen professional knowledge and learning, improve comprehensive ability know. Knowledge is the basis for the formation of quality, high-quality personnel must have a solid professional foundation, professional basis should be comprehensive.

With the Covid-19 effects of this global outbreak, changes in the economy in the short or long term are unpredictable. However, the way people who work also changes dramatically. All we can do is adapt to our position as much as possible. There is no doubt that work is constantly changing. But we don't know how much will change and how long it will last. Under such circumstances, those who are still employed are those who are willing to adjust their working style and face change with a positive attitude. It's not just about having the hard skills you need for a job, it's about finding the right mindset. Recognize your weaknesses and strengths. Continue to add new skills to yourself.