**Reflection Writing**

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Graduate Success Attributes is a course which is very meaningful in my first semester of university life. Throughout the weekly classes and activities, I gained more knowledge and also reflected on myself on my weakness. The first topic we learned was graduate employability and soft skills. Before the class, I did not know what is employability skills, as well as soft skills. We shared many examples of employability skills and soft skills in the class and the most significant employability skills for me is English proficiency, which is one of the soft skills we should have to get employed. I realized my weakness on all of the employability skills especially in English proficiency. I fear to use English language to give public speaking, presentation, even use it in my daily life. Madam stated that our weakness on English language may because of lack of confidence. Yes, I totally agree that. After the class, I planned to improve myself as I knew the importance of English language as an international language which is need to use in many professions. My plan was to learn English everyday with application that installed in my smartphone which can help to build an English environment and also planned to use it as major language in daily communication after the class. Now, I still maintaining the habit of learning English everyday and use it as a major language while chatting with my friends to improve myself. I hope I can maintain this habit to increase my confidence as well as my communication skill.

The second topic is about scholarship skills, it’s about information management skills and also life-long study. Previously, I thought scholarship skills are abilities on how to get a scholarship for further study but the fact is totally different. I learned from the class that this skill is what we are using everyday to complete our task and assignments. In the class, I noticed that I am good ‘researcher’ but not a good ‘writer’, ‘reviewer’ and ‘presenter’. My weak English proficiency is due to my poor writing skills, whereas the lack of self-confidence lead to my fear on giving my own opinion and also presenting in front of other people. This is a very serious problem in my daily life. Even when doing assignments, this kind of weakness make me not sure about my own work. In the future, it maybe will give bad influence to me while completing task during my career life. I hope to read more informative books during semester break to gain more knowledge so that I have a better confidence on myself and also maintain my habit of learning English everyday as stated above. In addition, I very agree that study is a life-long process, we need to study in every moment in our life as study makes us not getting old and will not get eliminated by generations in the future.

The next topic is about communication skills. That was an interesting lesson as madam taught us about body language and we have activities on that. We also learned about effective presentation skills. I also noticed that the body language of presenter will affect the presentation. Same as above, this is still one of my weakness due to weak English proficiency and lack of confidence. We must look prepared and confident while doing presentation. This can make people to believe in us and also the contents we presented. After the lesson, I found that I need to practice more on presenting with English language with a better posture, as practices make perfect. Another topic that we learned in graduate success attributes is thinking skills. I did not notice my own thinking style initially until madam gave us the creative-critical thinking styles test in the lesson. Throughout the test, I found that I had a balance style which means I had both critical and creative thinking. In my opinion, both thinking styles have their own benefits. For example, I will use critical thinking if I need to decide something, so that I can make a relatively better decision whereas when I am thinking about an organization of activities, creative thinking play a very important role. Thus, I’ll continue to be a balance thinker with both styles so that I can use both thinking styles in different situation.

Furthermore, we also learned global citizenships which we concerned on the global issues, understand cultures and diversity and also try to challenge narrow and stereotypical views of people and places. This skill is relatively complicated for me because having a wide version towards every thing need to be practiced and experienced. I also realized as a global citizen, we have responsibility on the global issues. We need to contributes to the community as well as take actions on global issues. The world will be better if everyone is coordinating to help with global issues. After the class, I thought about my thinking way and did some research on critical thinking skills on global issues. About the actions against global issues, I noticed I already doing it daily before such as recycle, eat less meat and use less plastics. Now, I am trying to concern on more serious global issues such as climate change, discrimination of certain people, bullying and others in daily life.

The topic we learned in the following lesson is leadership skills and teamwork. This is the most interesting topic for me as I always act as a leader in my previous institutions for many clubs and society. Although I have many experiences on teamwork, I think I need to improve myself. We learned many leadership styles throughout the lesson, and I found that I was a democratic and participative leader before. I thought this is the best way to lead a team or group as everyone will have courage and motivation to achieve a same goal. It’s like everyone can participate into making a decision so that they fell they are a part of the project and activities. This feeling is very important as I was also a follower before I become a leader. However, I know I am not good enough as a leader, especially on the responsiveness to the emergency situation. My target is to become a charismatic and situational style of leader which are more flexible and easier to achieve a goal in cooperation with the whole team. For teamwork, I think I already have a good teamwork spirit throughout the years participating in various activities and organizations.

The last topic we learned in graduate success attributes course is adaptability. There are two types od adaptability which are intrapersonal adaptability and interpersonal adaptability. These two adaptabilities are key to face more different situation in the future. Previously, I have relatively weak intrapersonal adaptability but a stronger interpersonal adaptability. When I enroll in a new situation, I took times to adapt myself into the new environment and observe the situation so that I would not make any mistake. For example, last time when I went to my Form 6 school alone, I did not know anyone there and felt strange to the new environment and people. The weak intrapersonal adaptability caused me to feel stress and unmotivated to study. However, I had a better interpersonal adaptability, I could meet new friends very fast and integrate into the new class soon. With the help of my new friends, I could only overcome those stress and uncomfortable of myself. Thus, throughout the lesson, I realized there is a must to improve myself on the intrapersonal adaptability. It is because it will bring great impacts on my quality of work and also on my feelings if I need to go to a new environment in the future. This skill is more difficult to be trained as we did not have chance to always adapt to a new environment in the daily life, though I will try my very best to adapt myself in a new situation in the future.

Last but not least, we did an individual case study which is related to issues in Malaysia, I chose ‘Unemployment in Malaysia’ as my topic. During the completion of the case study, I learned the most is on how to avoid plagiarism. This is a skill as an university students as citation is very important in every course, even in the future, copyright is a very significant things. We are taught how to avoid plagiarism through the talks given by UTM library and that were really helpful for me to complete my following assignments. Before the class about plagiarism, I did not know that copy the content on the Internet also consider as plagiarism as nobody tell us about this in the previous education. After the talks, I also learned how to do research with different useful and authenticated platform. Thus, these gave me a huge impact on my writing of assignments and case studies.

Lastly, the group tasks also bring many reflections to me. There are two group tasks in this semester, which are business idea and a project. Firstly, the business idea is a very attractive task. We all are not business students but we tried to understand how to conduct a business with a product by using a Lean Canvas Model. This helps us to develop our teamwork, critical thinking as well as creative thinking skills. We chose to sell an air purifier which can help people to avoid health problems caused by the air pollutants. This is because air pollutions is a very common global issue in the world but it is not concern by the global community until today. Although haze occurs almost every year in our country, the habit of open burning of Malaysians are still not change. Thus, we decided this business idea on the topics of air pollutions in order to give some efforts in this global issue. This group task gave a chance for me to concern on the global issues and the effect of the issues to our future. The second group task was even greater to build graduate success attributes. I was from the group UTM: YAC which conducting a webinar and fundraising to support Klima Action Malaysia (KAMY) to contributes on climate crisis. As I was the director of this project, I was giving a chance to improve my leadership skills as well as teamwork skills. I gave a speech during the webinar also helped me to build my self-confidence and practice to speak in front of others using English language. This project also let me gained many knowledges on climate crisis and I really respect those activists to contribute their effort on the climate change issue. They motivated us to give a little contribute on the climate crisis no matter how much it is. After doing the group tasks, I think I improved in many abilities and I hope to develop more skills if there are chances in the future.

In conclusion, I am pleased to gain so much of skills and knowledge through this course and this actually surprising me when I’m doing this reflection writing as I concluded out how this course change me in mind and personalities. I will continue to always be humble and learn skills to be a successful graduates from UTM.